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Country Connections

September, 26, 2013

To: Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

From: Larry Schriver
President
Country Connections LLC
36 Washington Square
Washington Court House, OH 43160

Re: Connect America Fund, WC Docket N. 10-90
2013 Connect America Fund Phase II Challenge Process

Dear Ms. Dortch,

Our company is challenging the claims of CentryLink on two census blocks and of Frontier on 45 census blocks (as detailed in the attached spreadsheet) that these census blocks are not served. Country Connections offers above 3Mb/s download and 768 Mb/s download in all the listed census blocks.

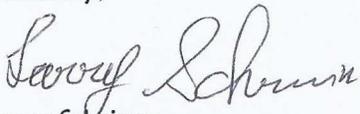
I, Larry Schriver, President of Country Connections LLC do hereby certify and attest that the following information is true and accurate:

1. Country Connections offers standard residential service levels of 4 Mbps x 1 Mbps in the list of census blocks attached.
2. Country Connections advertises this residential broadband availability service, as evidenced by our website advertisement, located at <http://countryconnections.net/broadband/>
3. Country Connections has been an active, voluntary participant in the Connected Nation (parent company of Connect Ohio) broadband data collection program supervised and funded by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) State Broadband Initiative (SBI) program and has regularly submitted data to Connected as part of the Ohio SBI program.
4. Country Connections has expanded its service territory through the years, both organically and through acquisition, therefore not all data previously reported to NTIA may appear in a timely manner (understanding that the National Broadband Map data is approximately 6 months old) nor might it appear with Country Connections as the "then current" operator (e.g. certain assets of Just Digital Micro).

5. Frontier indicated they have affidavits from a number of individuals who indicated that they cannot get our service. This individuals all have a Wheelersburg address which in not in our service territory as shown on our service area map.
6. Through collaboration with Connected Nation, since the inception of the SBI program, certain of Country Connection's transmit sites were subjected to stringent field validation and data verification tests. The attached documents support Connected Nation's findings, that Country Connections data was accurate, verified and validated, but did not include speed tests. As you are aware, WISPs (such as Country Connections) often use equipment that contains proprietary encryption and, as a result, Connected Nation would have been unable to conduct speed tests without actually possessing such equipment. To that end, these documents were included as an augment to our submission(s) to Connected Nation and in support of item (1) above.
7. Country Connections data on the National Broadband Map has tiers 5/4 for download/upload for speeds and these were increased to tiers 5/5 for this upcoming submission. This information has been received and reviewed by Connected Nation.

Please feel free to contact me via my cell phone at 740-505-8428.

Sincerely,



Larry Schriver

President, Country Connections LLC

Attached Documents:

- **2013-09-26CAFRound2BlocksLinkedtoCC.xls** - A spreadsheet listed the 47 census blocks being challenged
- **2013-09-26PaidInvoiceforPremium4Down1Up.pdf** - Actual recent paid invoice from a customer receiving our Premium Home Fixed Wireless Broadband Internet plan that is 4 Mb/s download and 1 Mb/s upload as indicated by the "(4/1)" in the product description.
- **2013-09-26CoverageMap.pdf** - A coverage map showing our entire coverage map where we offer our Premium Home Fixed Wireless Broadband Internet plan. It is over 2000 square miles.
- **2013-09-26IndependentVerification1.pdf, 2013-09-26IndependentVerification2.pdf, 2013-09-26IndependentVerification3.pdf** - The results of a three previous independent verifications of Country Connections declared fixed wireless locations conducted by Connect Ohio.