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March 7, 2014

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554  
Attn: Wireline Competition Bureau

**Re: WC Docket No. 10-90  
Rural Broadband Experiment Expression of Interest – Rate-of-Return Areas  
Waverly Hall Telephone Company**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Waverly Hall Telephone Company (“Waverly Hall”) hereby expresses interest in participating in the Commission’s rural broadband experiments to provide robust, scalable high-speed broadband to unserved and underserved high-cost areas with additional Connect America funding.<sup>1</sup> Waverly Hall is a rate-of-return incumbent local exchange carrier serving rural areas of Georgia.

Currently Waverly Hall has DSL facilities providing broadband to its customers. All locations within its regulated service area can receive speeds of at least 3 Mbps/786 kbps but the electronics are near end of life and bandwidth cannot be expanded. Funds are needed to replace the DSL electronics to provide higher speeds and meet customer demands. The details of the proposed deployment are as follows.

Proposed Service Area

Waverly Hall proposes to upgrade broadband to 1100 premises within the entire regulated service territory in parts of Harris County and Talbot County, GA.

Proposed Broadband Service

Voice and Broadband services with broadband transmission speeds of 20 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream provided over the DSL plant funded by this request.

Funding

Waverly Hall requests \$915,000 in funding from Connect America Funds in one-time funding.

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<sup>1</sup> See *Technology Transitions et al.*, GN Docket No. 13-5 et al., Order, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Report and Order, Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Proposal for Ongoing Data Initiative, FCC 14-5 (rel. Jan. 31, 2014).

Waverly Hall expects service to be upgraded at all premises within 2 years after construction starts.

Waverly Hall appreciates the opportunity to provide this non-binding expression of interest. Please contact the undersigned with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert Jones", is written over a horizontal line.

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