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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Expression of Interest; In the Matter of Technology Transitions; AT&T Petition to Launch a Proceeding Concerning the TDM-to-IP Transition; Connect America Fund; Structure and Practices of the Video Relay Service Program; Telecommunications Relay Services And Speech-to-Speech Services for Individuals with Hearing and Speech Disabilities; Numbering Policies for Modern Communications; GN Docket Nos. 13-5, 12-353, WC Docket No. 10-90, 13-97, CG Docket No. 10-51, 03-123.**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Conneaut Telephone Company hereby submits this Expression of Interest in the above-referenced proceeding. The Conneaut Telephone Company is a rural local exchange carrier serving communities in Ashtabula County, Ohio.

The Conneaut Telephone Company proposes to offer broadband Internet service as part of the rural broadband experiments in the following census tracts as identified by the Wireline Competition Bureau in its Public Notice released on February 6, 2014:

- 1) OH, 39007, Ashtabula, 39007001001
- 2) OH, 39007, Ashtabula, 39007001002
- 3) OH, 39007, Ashtabula, 39007001101
- 4) OH, 39007, Ashtabula, 39007001102
- 5) OH, 39007, Ashtabula, 39007001200
- 6) OH, 39007, Ashtabula, 39007001301
- 7) OH, 39007, Ashtabula, 39007001302
- 8) OH, 39007, Ashtabula, 39007001400



The Conneaut Telephone Company will identify specific unserved census tract numbers it proposes to serve in the formal proposal stage should The Conneaut Telephone Company elect to participate in such process.

The Conneaut Telephone Company will deploy Broadband Internet Access via Fiber-to-the-Home technology, which the company has deployed in several markets near the aforementioned census tracts. The company has middle-mile fiber-optic backbone service available in adjacent areas, which would make deployment more affordable. The Conneaut Telephone Company anticipates offering the following services and pricing:

- 1) Basic Broadband service (5Mbps downstream/5Mbps Upstream): \$34.95 per month
- 2) Regulated land-line voice service: \$29.95 per month
- 3) Basic Cable TV service: \$59.95 per month
- 4) Premium Broadband service (10Mbps/10Mbps): \$54.95 per month
- 5) Additional tiers of speeds up to 100Mbps

The Conneaut Telephone Company expects broad support of local government in the proposed areas and would be able to provide documentation to that effect. Local government in the proposed areas has been extremely helpful in gaining access to rights-of-way and we would expect that to continue.

The Conneaut Telephone Company may be interested in participating in the FCC's rural broadband experiments, subject to a more comprehensive understanding of the terms and conditions of the program. Conneaut Telephone's participation in the FCC's rural broadband experiment in the identified service area(s) will be contingent on sufficient and predictable one time and/or recurring support to economically serve the identified areas.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (440) 593-7151 if you have any questions regarding this submission.

Respectfully submitted,

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