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Ms. Marlene Dortch
Federal Communications Commission,
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Ms. Dortch,

General Info

The Bloomingdale Home Telephone Company (BHTC) respectfully submits this expression of interest regarding broadband deployment in rural America in response to the FCC's request in Docket 10-90. BHTC is duly authorized by the Indiana Regulatory Commission to provide telephone service as both an Incumbent Telephone Company and as a Competitive Local Exchange Carrier. BHTC currently provides telephone and internet services to customers in northern Parke County, Indiana.

Proposed Service Area

BHTC proposes to expand its broadband commitment to all of Parke County, Indiana through construction of a robust high speed network. Utilizing soft switch and FTTH technology, BHTC plans to provide service to the following Census Tracts; 030100, 030200, 030300, and 030400.

Locations

Parke County Indiana is home to approximately 17000 rural residential users. Anchor institutions include North Central Parke Community School Corporation, Southwest Parke Community School District, Parke County Library, and the Rockville Correctional Facility.

Technology

BHTC's plans are to utilize soft switch technology and a wireline FTTH solution. We do not contemplate the use of wireless technology at this time. BHTC envisions the construction of a robust, fully scalable hi-speed network.

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Services

BHTC plans to offer both voice and hi-speed internet service. The offering of video service is being considered at this time. A final decision has not been made relative to video services, however, the proposed network will be capable of handling video services. We expect our network to accommodate speeds of 10Mbps to 100 Mbps.

State/Local Government Participation

BHTC is not expecting any participation by state and local government agencies. BHTC has engaged in discussions with Parke County REMC (an Electric Co-op) regarding potential assistance and cooperation in the development of the proposed network.

Estimate of needed Support

At this time BHTC is unable to provide a specific amount of support that will be needed. It is expected that this project will involve a multi-year build out requiring both one-time and recurring support. Non-recurring support will be needed to fund the infrastructure build out. Recurring support will likely be needed to ensure the affordability of the broadband services to be provided.

BHTC appreciates the opportunity to participate in the rural broadband experiment process. We look forward to further interaction with the FCC in the future regarding this extremely important initiative.

Thank you,
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