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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 for Price Cap Areas
North Central Communications, Inc.**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

North Central Communications, Inc. ("NCC") hereby expresses interest in participating in the Commission's rural broadband experiments to provide robust, scalable high-speed broadband to unserved high-cost areas with additional Connect America funding.¹ NCC is a licensed CLEC providing broadband, voice, and video services in the state of Tennessee. These additional funds are needed to meet customer demands for high-speed broadband, provide these customers access to their community anchor institutions, and transition to an all-IP network. The details of the proposed deployment are as follows.

Proposed Service Area

The experiment will provide broadband service to 410 eligible high-cost locations in unserved high-cost Census Blocks within the below Census Tract:

<u>Tennessee:</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Tract</u>
	Trousdale	47169090100

Proposed Services

Voice, Broadband and Video services with broadband transmission speeds up to 1Gbps downstream and 1 Gbps upstream via Active Ethernet provided over a largely fiber-to-the-home technology.

¹ 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).

Funding

NCC estimates construction costs to be approximately \$3.7M based on knowledge of the area. The costs will be refined if and when a formal proposal is submitted. NCC requests \$3.7M in funding from Connect America Funds in a one-time funding.

NCC expects service within the unserved high-cost Census Blocks to be offered when specific customer locations are revealed if our proposal is accepted.

NCC is also in discussions with the local electric utility cooperative to partnership to provide the broadband service.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nancy J. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "N".

Nancy J. White
President and CEO