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March 6, 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
STRATA Networks**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Uintah Basin Electronic Telecommunications, Inc., d/b/a STRATA Networks (“STRATA Networks”) hereby expresses interest in participating in the Commission’s rural broadband experiments to provide robust, scalable high-speed broadband to unserved / underserved high-cost areas with additional Connect America funding.¹ STRATA Networks is a Competitive Local Exchange Carrier (“CLEC”) serving rural areas of Wyoming, and proposes deployment as follows.

Proposed Service Area

STRATA Networks proposes to build out broadband to unserved / underserved premises within the service territory. These areas are currently economically disadvantaged, and need of the services that this proposed network will provide. In addition, to utilizing Connect America funding, STRATA Networks intends to coordinate with state and local agencies to enable efficient use of community resources, such as existing rights-of-way.

State	County	County Name	Tract ID	Eligible High Cost Locations	Extremely High Cost Locations	Annual Support
WY	56037	Sweetwater	56037971600	536	298	143,676
WY	56041	Uinta	56041975300	278	65	128,817

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).

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Critical Community Facilities / Anchor Institutions

STRATA Networks intends to serve multiple anchor institutions and critical community facilities in the funded areas. Additionally, high speed voice and broadband services in these areas would provide critical coverage for the Interstate 80 Corridor.

Proposed Broadband Service

Voice and Broadband services with broadband transmission speeds of 5 to 12 Mbps downstream and 1 to 3 Mbps upstream provided over 4G LTE technology or fiber.

Local Support

STRATA Networks has received numerous requests from citizens and community leaders in the targeted project area to bring high speed broadband to the area. There is a great deal of interest and pent-up demand that we are eager to address. Once the network is deployed, STRATA Networks intends to work with federal, state, and local agencies to expedite availability of services.

Funding

STRATA Networks estimates construction costs to be a total of \$10,000,000. STRATA Networks requests \$10,000,000 in funding from Connect America Funds in a one-time funding and will fund the remaining capital and ongoing expenses to operate the system.

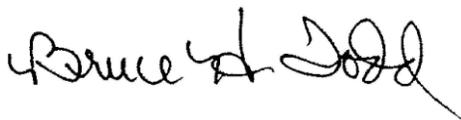
ETC Status

STRATA Networks presently has Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (“ETC”) status for each of the proposed regulated Wyoming tracts.

STRATA Networks expects service to be offered to all funded areas within three to five years after construction starts.

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce H. Todd". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bruce H. Todd
Chief Executive Officer