



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
Crockett Telephone Company, Inc.**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Crockett Telephone Company, Inc. (Crockett Telephone) 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 funding¹ (for the purposes of this expression of interest, unserved means that at least one wire center in a census tract is incapable of providing 3 Mbps down/ 768kbps up services). Crockett Tennessee would like to note that currently 88% of its service area has equipment capable of greater than 3 Mbps down/768kbps up services. Crockett Telephone is a rate-of-return incumbent local exchange carrier serving rural areas of Tennessee, and proposes deployment as follows.

Proposed Service Area

Crockett Telephone proposes to upgrade broadband speeds to the 171 unserved premises within the regulated service territory in Western Tennessee. This includes areas of census tracts 33-9610, 33-9611, 33-9613, 45-9646, and 75-9301.

Proposed Broadband Service

Voice and Broadband services with broadband transmission speeds of at least 3 Mbps downstream/768 kbps upstream will be provided over the current plant facilities and upgraded network equipment.

Funding

- Crockett Telephone requests \$94,391 in funding from Connect America Funds in 1 payment.
- Crockett Telephone expects service to be offered to all unserved customers within one year after construction starts.

Crockett Telephone Company, Inc. appreciates the opportunity to provide this non-binding expression of interest. Please contact the undersigned with any questions.

Sincerely,

James Garner
Vice President of Operations

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).