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VIA ECFS

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
Etex Telecom**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Etex Telecom 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 Etex Telecom is a competitive local exchange carrier (CLEC) serving areas of East Texas and proposes deployment as follows.

Proposed Service Area

The experiment will provide broadband service to 9,830 eligible high-cost locations in unserved high-cost census blocks within the following census tracts:

<u>County Name</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Tract ID</u>
Camp	TX	48063950101
Camp	TX	48063950102
Camp	TX	48063950200
Cass	TX	48067950100
Cass	TX	48067950200
Cass	TX	48067950300
Cass	TX	48067950400
Cass	TX	48067950500
Cass	TX	48067950600
Cass	TX	48067950700
Harrison	TX	48203020102

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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County Name	State	Tract ID (Cont'd)
Harrison	TX	48203020103
Harrison	TX	48203020104
Harrison	TX	48203020200
Harrison	TX	48203020302
Harrison	TX	48203020401
Harrison	TX	48203020402
Harrison	TX	48203020502
Harrison	TX	48203020603
Harrison	TX	48203020604
Harrison	TX	48203020605
Harrison	TX	48203020606
Marion	TX	48315950100
Marion	TX	48315950200
Marion	TX	48315950300
Marion	TX	48315950400
Morris	TX	48343950100
Morris	TX	48343950200
Morris	TX	48343950300
Upshur	TX	48459950100
Upshur	TX	48459950200
Upshur	TX	48459950300
Upshur	TX	48459950400
Upshur	TX	48459950500
Upshur	TX	48459950600
Upshur	TX	48459950700
Wood	TX	48499950100
Wood	TX	48499950301
Wood	TX	48499950601
Wood	TX	48499950602
Wood	TX	48499950700
Wood	TX	48499950800

Proposed Services

Etex Telecom proposes to provide Voice and Broadband services with broadband transmission speeds of at least 3 Mbps downstream/768 kbps upstream provided over copper, fiber, or fixed wireless facilities. Etex Telecom will have to evaluate which facility option is the most cost effective for the particular area served. Depending on the facilities constructed, Etex Telecom anticipates that the services could be provisioned to currently unserved customers within one to three years after construction begins.



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Funding

Etex Telecom estimates that construction costs would not exceed \$22 million based on knowledge of the area. The costs will be refined if and when a formal proposal is submitted. Etex Telecom requests this funding from Connect America Funds through a single payment.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charlie Cano".

Charlie Cano
General Manager