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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 – Rate-of-Return Areas  
Ringgold Telephone Company, Inc.**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Ringgold Telephone Company, Inc. (“RTC”) hereby expresses interest in participating in the Commission’s rural broadband experiments to provide robust, scalable high-speed broadband to underserved high-cost areas with additional Connect America funding.<sup>1</sup> RTC is a rate-of-return incumbent local exchange carrier serving rural areas of *Catoosa County, GA*, and proposes deployment as follows.

Proposed Service Area

RTC proposes to upgrade broadband to 5790 underserved premises within the regulated service territory in Catoosa County, Georgia.

Proposed Broadband Service

Voice and Broadband services with broadband transmission speeds to a minimum of 25 Mbps downstream/10 Mbps upstream provided over the Fiber to the Home or Curb plant funded by this request.

Funding

RTC requests \$8.6 M in funding from Connect America Funds in a one-time funding.

RTC expects service to be offered to all underserved customers within one year after construction starts.

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

Sincerely,

Phil Erli,  
Executive Vice President  
Ringgold Telephone Company, Inc.

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<sup>1</sup> 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).