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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  
Wes-Tex Telephone Cooperative, Inc.**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Wes-Tex Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (“Wes-Tex”) 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.<sup>1</sup> Wes-Tex Telephone Cooperative, Inc. is an ILEC serving rural areas of Texas, and proposes deployment as follows.

Proposed Service Area

The experiment will provide broadband service to eligible high-cost locations in unserved high-cost Census Blocks listed below:

Texas:	County	Tract
	Borden	48033950100
	Glasscock	48173950100
	Howard	48227950100
	Howard	48227950900
	Martin	48317950100
	Martin	48317950200
	Midland	48329010113
	Mitchell	48335950400
	Reagan	48383950100
	Sterling	48431950100

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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 (re. Jan. 31, 2014).

Wes-Tex will provide an estimated number of eligible locations once the affected Census Blocks are made available.

Proposed Services

Voice and Broadband services with broadband transmission speeds of at least 50 Mbps downstream/5 Mbps upstream provided over fiber to the home technology.

Funding

Because the unserved high-cost census blocks within the selected Census Tracts have yet to be identified, Wes-Tex Telephone Cooperative, Inc. is unable to estimate the construction costs and amount of funding needed. However, Wes-Tex anticipates that costs will be identified if and when a formal proposal is submitted.

Wes-Tex Telephone Cooperative, Inc. expects service within the unserved high-cost Census Blocks to be offered within a year after construction starts.

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

Sincerely,



J. R. Wilson  
Executive Vice President