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To: FCC Chairman Thomas Wheeler
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
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Commissioner Ajit Pai
Commissioner Michael O’Rielly
Jonathan Chambers

Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW 20024
Washington, DC

Re: Rural Broadband Experiment – WC Docket #10-90

Letter of Interest

Dear Chairman Wheeler, Commissioners and Mr. Chamber,

This letter is to express, a non-binding, interest in the FCC Rural Broadband Experiment.

Background

Southeast, and portions of central Missouri and surrounding areas, are home to portions of the geographically rugged, yet beautiful terrain known as the Ozarks.

Because of this geographical location little broadband is available to spur community growth. This causes the farming and tourism industry, which this area is so dependent on, to stagnate.

St. Louis Broadband has a unique advantage of being, a 2009 and 2010, applicant of the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for broadband stimulus monies. Unfortunately our applications were not approved, leaving a majority of these same portions of Missouri unserved.

Technology

To claim that only one technology is would be capable of serving this challenging geographical wonder, would severely limit the capabilities of the network. The more that technologically efficient network topology is paired with geographical considerations; the more the responsible the financial plan.

A rural network should consist of many technological elements including fiber optic, fixed wireless and experimental wireless – TV Whitespace.

This type of network design allows for scalability and growth.

With this type of network topology, we would exceed the minimum FCC broadband requirements.

Community Involvement

It was stated that the unique aspect of our 2009 ARRA applications was the fact that we had enormous community involvement. From County Commissioners, to Senators, anchor institutes such as Fire Departments to Sheriff's, Schools and Hospitals, the Letters of Support were examples of the need for these vital services that are still non-existent today.

ECT Status

While our collaborative does not currently possess Missouri ECT status, it would be something that we would be willing to provide. We are also working to identify potential partners that have existing ETC status for our collaborative.

Service Area

Service area would consist primarily of unserved, with portions of underserved areas in southeast Missouri and surrounding areas.

Funding

Until ECT partner is identified, it would be hard to determine exact budgetary numbers. However once that could be determined we can calculate "matched funding". But because we are using the best use of technologies, we guarantee network costs to be financially responsible and highly competitive.

Thank you for this opportunity to express our interest.

Sincerely,

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