



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 of Interest for Price Cap Areas
United States Cellular Corporation

Dear Ms. Dortch:

United States Cellular Corporation ("U.S Cellular"), a provider of commercial mobile wireless services, is proposing a rural broadband project to bring high speed wireless broadband to underserved communities on the Yurok Reservation in Northern California. U.S Cellular operates in rural areas of Northern California through one of its operating entities, California Rural Service Area #1, Inc.

Our project will consist of the following;

The deployment of 3 cell sites in the communities of McKinnon Hill, Prairie Creek and Weitchpec within the Yurok Reservation.

These cell sites will cover 1,018 POPs or approximately 80% of the POPs resident with the tribal reservation. These residents are currently without access to high speed broadband and many are also without access to voice communications

We will provision 4G LTE service using licensed 850 MHz and/or 700 MHz facilities. Our facilities will be capable of speeds of at least 3 to 6 Mbps downlink and 1 to 3 Mbps for uplink. As an additional benefit, our facilities will also extend voice services to these areas.

We will make available to the residents of the Yurok Tribe access to our full suite of broadband products and services we offer in our urban markets. We will apply for Eligible Telecommunication Carrier status with the California Public Service Commission as a provider of Lifeline service so that any eligible Lifeline service we provide may be made available to all the tribal residents covered by our facilities.

Our high level initial estimate of the capital costs of deploying these sites is \$2.5M. This includes the construction of the towers, the telecommunication facilities and any capital costs expended

for backhaul. We request funding for the actual capital outlays associated with this proposal. In addition, the project will incur ongoing maintenance expenses of approximately \$63K per annum which the company is prepared to absorb. Our project plan assumes a greenfield build but assuming the project wins approval from the FCC we hope to work with the Yurok tribe to identify any existing tribal facilities that can be used to support the high speed broadband we intend to bring to the area and reduce the costs of this proposal.

U.S Cellular appreciates the opportunity to provide this non-binding proposal to expand the reach of broadband services into the rural areas of the Yurok Reservation. Please contact the undersigned with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John C Gockley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" and last name "Gockley" clearly distinguishable.

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