

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
East Ascension Telephone Company, L.L.C. dba Eatel**

Dear Ms.Dortch:

East Ascension Telephone Company, L.L.C. dba “EATEL” 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 EATEL is an ILEC serving rural areas of Louisiana 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 within these Census Tract(s):

Louisiana:

<u>Parish Name</u>	<u>Tract ID</u>
Ascension	22005030300
Ascension	22005030900
Ascension	22005031000
Lafourche	22057020702
Lafourche	22057020704
Lafourche	22057020900

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).

<u>Parish Name</u>	<u>Tract ID</u>
Lafourche	22057021000
Livingston	22063040202
Livingston	22063040301
Livingston	22063040303
Livingston	22063040401
Livingston	22063040402
Livingston	22063040500
Livingston	22063040600
Livingston	22063040804
Livingston	22063040805
Livingston	22063040806
St. Landry	22097960100
St. Landry	22097960200
St. Landry	22097960300
St. Landry	22097960400
St. Landry	22097960500
St. Landry	22097960600
St. Landry	22097960700
St. Landry	22097960800
St. Landry	22097961200
St. Landry	22097961700
Tangipahoa	22105953200
Tangipahoa	22105953300
Tangipahoa	22105953400
Tangipahoa	22105953500
Tangipahoa	22105953700
Tangipahoa	22105954700

Proposed Services

Voice and Broadband services with broadband transmission speeds of at least 15 Mbps download and 5 Mbps upload provided over commercially suitable technology.

Funding

EATEL acknowledges funding is available for build out of these areas. At this time, a total cost for such construction is not available. EATEL requests \$1,371,672.59 in funding from Connect America Funds in a one-time funding and will fund ongoing expenses to operate the system.

EATEL expects service within the unserved high-cost Census Blocks to be offered within a year after construction starts.

EATEL appreciates the opportunity to provide this non-binding expression of interest. Please contact me at (225) 621-4231 or Janet Britton, General Counsel, at (225) 621-4498 if you should have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John D. Scanlan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

John D. Scanlan
President and Vice Chairman

JSB:klm