



Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative
Dickey Rural Services, Inc.

VIA ECFS

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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
In North Dakota and Minnesota**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative 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 Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative is an ILEC serving rural areas of North Dakota and South Dakota and proposes deployment as follows.

Proposed Service Area

<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Tract</u>
Barnes	ND	38003968000
Cass	ND	38017000300
Cass	ND	38017040100
Cass	ND	38017040200
Cass	ND	38017040400
Cass	ND	38017040500
Cass	ND	38017040600
Clay	MN	27027030102
Clay	MN	27027030104
Clay	MN	27027030106

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).

Clay	MN	27027030107
Clay	MN	27027030201
Clay	MN	27027030202

Proposed Services

Voice and Broadband services with broadband transmission speeds of 10-20Mbps downstream/5-10Mbps upstream [at least 3 Mbps/768 kbps] provided over licensed wireless spectrum.

Funding

Because the unserved high-cost census blocks within the selected Census Tract(s) have yet to be identified, Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative is unable to estimate the construction costs and amount of funding needed. The costs will be identified if and when a formal proposal is submitted.

Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative expects service within the unserved high-cost Census Blocks to be offered within 1 year after construction starts.

Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative appreciates the opportunity to provide this non-binding expression of interest. Please contact the undersigned with any questions.

Sincerely,



Troy Schilling