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Tom Wheeler, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: WC Docket No. 10-90
Rural Broadband Experiment Expression of Interest

Dear Chairman Wheeler and FCC Staff:

Pasty.NET incorporated in 1999 as an Internet Provider serving Michigan's remote Upper Peninsula. Since 2001 our mission has included deployment of broadband in previously unserved areas of Houghton and Keweenaw Counties, with the addition of six underserved townships in Marquette and Delta County in 2008. Our current coverage appears on the National Broadband Map at: <http://nbn.gov/SAPx>

To date, many of our 1,000+ members in these remote locations remain without any form of terrestrial connectivity except Pasty.NET and phone lines. Some members are still without any cell phone service, and some even without land lines. Pasty.NET's continuing service is built on a solid collaboration with government offices of these counties and townships, and a high percentage of membership in such a sparsely populated area. (Keweenaw County has the lowest population density east of the Mississippi).

In spite of our ongoing efforts to meet ever-increasing demand for speed and expanded coverage, Pasty.NET has been unable to achieve Eligible Telecommunications Carrier status. Obtaining ETC status would be our goal, contingent upon receiving funding assistance for the infrastructure to reach our current and prospective members with the necessary improvements in speed, capacity and reliability.

The specific areas of our focus are:

County Name	Tract ID (limited to all eligible blocks)
Keweenaw	26083000100
Houghton	26061000100
Marquette	26103002300, 26103002600
Delta	26041960300

Pasty.NET would be very interested in joining the Rural Broadband Experiment, to deploy leading-edge technology for a quantum leap in services to these consumers. We envision a distributed GPON FTTH network offering triple play services. Projected tiers would start individually at \$49 for 30Mbps internet access, \$15 for unlimited phone service and \$39 for a basic cable lineup. Such a network within our current footprint would require about 167 miles of physical plant at an average cost of \$22,000 per mile. We would anticipate reaching a number of extremely remote locations with "air-fiber" mid-span. Our commitment would be to serve those members with the same performance and price levels as on our all-fiber network.

The price tag we see for this project is between \$3.5 - \$4 million. We estimate our funding request will be in the \$3 - \$3.5 million range, taking the responsibility for financing the balance. More will be known about the need for any recurring financial support as details of the build-out are developed during the formal application process to follow. It would be reasonable to expect the attraction of such improved resources to more than double our existing member base.

Such a project would have a transformative effect on the economy and the future of this region. On behalf of the members we serve and our employee-owner staff, thank you for receiving our Expression of Interest in the Rural Broadband Experiment WC Docket No. 10-90

Sincerely,
PASTY.NET, INC.



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