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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
SmarterBroadband**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

SmarterBroadband 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 SmarterBroadband is an established Wireless Internet Service Provider serving rural areas of Northern California, and proposes deployment as follows.

Proposed Service Area

The Town of Washington, Nevada County, California Census Tract 06057000900.

The experiment will provide fixed wireless broadband service and voice to 144 high-cost and extremely-high-cost locations in census blocks lying within this unserved eligible census tract: 06057000900.

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).

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Washington has a population of 185 people, and consists of the Washington Hotel/bar, a restaurant, a grocery store, a fire station, a post office, a one room schoolhouse that has educated students continuously for over 100 years, and two trailer park campgrounds.

Proposed Services

VoIP and Broadband services with broadband transmission speeds of 6 Mbps downstream / 1.5 Mbps upstream provided over fixed wireless.

Funding

SmarterBroadband estimates construction costs to be a total of \$246,200 based on our knowledge of the area. The costs will be refined if and when a formal proposal is submitted. SmarterBroadband requests \$246,200 in funding from Connect America Funds in a one-time funding and will fund the ongoing expenses to operate the system. SmarterBroadband expects service within the unserved high-cost Census Blocks to be offered within approximately 8 months after construction begins.

SmarterBroadband appreciates the opportunity to provide this non-binding expression of interest. Please contact the undersigned with any questions.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Adam Brodel", written over a faint circular stamp.

Adam Brodel
President & CEO
SmarterBroadband, Inc.