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Geoffrey Blackwell  
Office of Native American Affairs and Policy  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, DC 20374

Dear Sir:

I would like to formally express interest in the FCC's Connect America pilot project initiative to expand broadband use in eligible high cost areas. We received notice of this program just this week and would like to be a part of the pilot projects. Our service area consists entirely of the Standing Rock Sioux Indian Reservation in North and South Dakota. Although we have not had opportunity to submit a summary of a pilot project as may have been described by certain webinars held earlier in the past month, we certainly are very interested.

- If funded we would serve a 2.3 million acre rural service area. Approximately 8,450 residents and visitors would be served.
- We would deploy wireless 700 mhz LTE in the entire service area with connections to local hotspots in population centers.
- We would also focus on education rather than full commercial marketing to attempt to connect 100% of the population to broadband.
- Special value added devices will be installed all over the LTE network coverage area to empower IP video sponsored by private sector business, Tribal government, and educational institutions to encourage the use of broadband in everyday opportunities.
- Special local geospatial data not available in national databases will be made available via to users of the new LTE network for land use planning, water development, economic development and all other private and public endeavors.
- All school buses will have broadband as a result of this project.
- All schools will have access to broad band mobile networks as a result of the project.
- The Deployment of the LTE network with project elements would cost approximately \$3.85 million.
- The deployment of the broadband project will greatly reduce the cost of providing service in this rural hub zone for all future years to come.



Standing Rock Telecommunications is an ETC wholly owned by the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. Because the Tribe and its Wireless company already have some infrastructure in place the project can be completed in minimal time and serve as an example of robust rural economic development that would greatly improve broadband use and overall quality of life.

Sincerely,

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Standing Rock Telecommunications Inc.