To: Federal Communications Commission Staff
From: Winthrop Telephone Company
Date: March 7, 2014
Subject: Expression of Interest – Rural Broadband Trials
Docket 10-90

Company Background:
Winthrop Telephone Company ("Winthrop") is an ILEC currently providing voice and broadband services to approximately 550 customers in south central Minnesota.

Geographic Territory:
The experiment will provide high speed broadband service to approximately 500 locations in the following census tracts.

- McLeod 27085950500
- Nicollet 27103480100
- Sibley 27143170200
- Sibley 27143170300

Anchor Institutions:
GFW High School
Winthrop City Library

Proposed Technology Platform:
Winthrop proposes to provide Fiber to the Home (FTTH) technology throughout their serving area. We believe that in the near future customers will require 100+ mbps speeds and FTTH is most efficient reliable technology to provide high speed broadband.
State and/or Local or Tribal Governmental participation

At this time we are not aware of any state or local funding that is available for this experiment. There are no tribal areas involved.

Existing Providers:

Mediacom currently provides service to a portion of the serving area.

Project Timeline:

Construction will be completed within one year of receiving funding approval.

Scalability:

FTTH technology will position Winthrop to be able to transition to an all IP network.

Total Investment:

We estimate that the construction costs will be approximately $3.2 million. Winthrop requests $3.3 million in onetime funding and will internally fund ongoing expenses to operate the network.