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March 10, 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
Big Bend Telephone Company, Inc.**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Big Bend Telephone Company, Inc. (“Big Bend Telephone”) 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 Big Bend Telephone is an ILEC serving rural areas of Texas and proposes deployment as follows.

Proposed Service Area

The experiment will provide broadband service to 1619 eligible high-cost locations in unserved high-cost Census Blocks within these Census Tract(s):

Texas :	County	Tract
	Brewster	48043950500
	Pecos	48371950100
	Pecos	48371950500
	Val Verde	48465950500
	Val Verde	48465950800
	Presidio	48377950100
	Jeff Davis	48243950100
	Jeff Davis	48243950100
	Upton	48461950200
	Crane	48103950100

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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Proposed Services

Voice and Broadband services with broadband transmission speeds of at least 12 Mbps downstream/1Mbps upstream provided over Fixed wireless Point to Point and Point to Multipoint utilizing unlicensed and licensed AWS spectrum.

Funding

Big Bend Telephone estimates construction costs to be a total of 3.5 million based on knowledge of the area. The costs will be refined if and when a formal proposal is submitted.

Big Bend Telephone expects service within 2 years the unserved high-cost Census Blocks to be offered within a year after construction starts.

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

Sincerely,

Russell A. Moore
General Manager