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VIA ECFS

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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
Hopi Telecommunications, Inc.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Hopi Telecommunications, Inc. ("HTI") 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] HTI is a Tribally-owned rate-of-return incumbent local exchange carrier serving the Hopi Tribe in rural areas of Arizona, and proposes deployment as follows.

Proposed Service Area

The experiment will provide broadband service to 116 eligible high-cost locations in unserved high-cost Census Blocks with Census Tract 4005944900 in Coconino County, AZ. This Census Tract is a Hopi Tribe community area that is part of the Hopi Reservation but not connected to the main reservation and HTI's regulated service area.

Proposed Services

Voice and Broadband services with broadband transmission speeds of 8 Mbps downstream/768 kbps upstream provided over DSL and WiMax technology.

Funding

HTI requests $1.2 million in funding from the Connect America Fund in a one-time payment and will fund the remaining capital and ongoing expenses to operate the system 2.

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[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).

HTI expects service within the unserved high-cost Census Blocks to be offered within 24-30 months after construction starts.

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

Sincerely,

Carroll Onsae, President/GM