

Nebraska Universal Service Fund Broadband Program
NUSF 92 PO 3 2015
Application of Glenwood Telecommunications, Inc.

- 1. A listing of all companies associated with the proposed broadband project (excluding vendors) that will provide the broadband or voice component of the service to the consumers, including a main point of contact for all companies.**

Glenwood Telecommunications, Inc. ("GT") will provide the voice and broadband coverage for all projects. GT is a CLEC and subsidiary of Glenwood Telephone Membership Corporation, a rural incumbent local exchange.

Main Point of Contact is

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- 2. A description of the proposed broadband project plan for which NEBP funding is being requested including download and upload speed capabilities which can be provided using the proposed infrastructure. Minimum speed standards should be 4 mbps download and 1 mbps upload.**

GT is excited to apply for an NUSF 92 grant. GT has divided the application into three separate projects. There is a preferred sequence by GT. The projects, in order of priority, are detailed below:

- Sutton Project (Confidential project totals in Attachment A)
- Franklin Project (Confidential project totals in Attachment A)
- Glenvil Project (Confidential project totals in Attachment A)

Sutton Project: We are proposing the installation of fiber optics and fixed wireless broadband equipment to the rural areas surrounding the community of Sutton.

Customers in these rural areas do not have access to reliable broadband service to meet their needs. These areas mainly consist of rural farm families who are relying more and more on broadband to run their farming operations. Without reliable and adequate speeds in these areas, rural farmers are at a disadvantage. In a recent Farm and Rural Life Poll, 84% of farmers surveyed indicate they now use

the Internet to get information on the weather, markets, general agricultural news, and crop production, and many do so on a regular basis.

Our fixed wireless Internet project in Sutton would bring a reliable and affordable solution to these rural customers. In order to complete the project, we would install fiber optics to a tower location in Sutton. Fixed wireless equipment would be installed on the tower location to provide adequate broadband to those living in rural areas.

Customers can expect speeds ranging from 4 to 12 Mbps download and 1 to 4 Mbps upload.

Franklin Project: We are proposing the installation of fiber optics to the community of Franklin.

We have been approached by Franklin County Memorial Hospital to bring fiber to the community of Franklin. The Hospital is experiencing difficulty with their daily needs of viewing and transmitting patient images and records. In addition, they have difficulty meeting Medicare guidelines with their current internet service. They feel a fiber connection is the only available solution to meet regulatory requirements without penalty.

The business community of Franklin, Nebraska is in need of fast and reliable broadband access. One of the major employers in this community and a national agricultural cooperative, CPI, is struggling to implement the necessary technology to operate their business as a result of having inadequate Internet access. When discussing this issue with community leaders, they insist this is a factor in retaining and attracting local businesses.

Our fiber Internet project would provide the business community in Franklin with the access they need to thrive. Glenwood's fiber optic solution would allow symmetrical speeds ranging from 10 Mbps to 100 Mbps.

There is currently one provider in the area that is deploying DSL over an aging copper plant. Customers are indicating that they receive download speeds ranging between 1 to 12 Mbps and upload speeds at less than 1 – 3 Mbps. Although businesses can receive up to 12 Mbps, this is not adequate for amount of data transfer these businesses need to thrive.

Glenvil Project: We are proposing the installation of fiber optics and fixed wireless broadband equipment to the community of Glenvil and surrounding rural.

The community of Glenvil and the surrounding rural areas do not have access to reliable broadband service. In late October, Glenwood was approached by the Glenvil Village Board, requesting that we bring them better Internet service. After attending this meeting, we were able to verify that there is a need for fast and reliable Internet service, for both residential and business customers in the community and in the rural areas. You will see this need expressed by the number of support letters we included with our application.

There have been reports that new customers are not able to get DSL service from Windstream due to capacity issues. We were not able to verify this, but when calling Windstream, Windstream

employees were not able to provide any available speed options. This information was also not available online. The advertised speeds are a package for 3 Mbps and Max Speed (no download speed listed).

Our fixed wireless Internet project in Glenvil would bring a reliable and affordable solution to those in living in town and the rural customers. In order to complete the project, we would install fiber optics to a tower location in Glenvil. Fixed wireless equipment would be installed on the tower location to provide adequate broadband to those living in rural areas.

Customers can expect speeds ranging from 4 to 12 Mbps download and 1 to 4 Mbps upload.

3. A description of which areas are “unserved” or “underserved” in accordance with the Commission’s definition.

This project and communities listed above fall under the category of underserved, based upon the definition released by the Commission of 4 Mbps downstream and 1 Mbps upstream (“4/1”). These communities are served with DSL service, however this service does not meet the requirements of 4/1 service in the rural areas.

Sutton Project:

The community of Sutton is approximately 1 mile from the nearest Glenwood fiber point. Sutton has approximately 140 rural households within a 5-mile radius of town.

Advertised speeds of DSL service are 3/1, 6/1, and 12/1. However, we know from experience that 12/1 and 6/1 are only available to those on a short line loop from the central office. This leaves the entire rural area underserved.

Customers living in rural Sutton are not able to get 4/1 service from DSL. Glenwood's wireless Internet will exceed this requirement.

Franklin Project:

The community of Franklin is approximately 15 miles from the nearest Glenwood fiber point. Franklin has approximately 100 businesses within the community.

Advertised speeds of DSL service are up to 12/1. However, we know from experience that 12/1 is only available to those on a short line loop from the central office. The Franklin County Hospital, an anchor institution, cannot get adequate broadband service from the local telephone provider. By connecting fiber to the town, we will be able to serve the Hospital and many other businesses that are currently underserved.

While some businesses in Franklin can get speeds higher than 4/1, many have expressed that the available speeds are not adequate for what they need to operate their business. Glenwood's fiber optic Internet will provide symmetrical speeds up to 100 Mbps.

Glenvil Project:

Glenvil has approximately 348 households within a 5-mile radius of town. Advertised speeds of DSL service are 3/1, 6/1, and 12/1. However, Windstream was unable to verify if service was available and could not give us available speeds. A rural customer said her speed is typically .98 Mbps. We know from experience that 12/1 and 6/1 are only available to those on a short line loop from the central office. This leaves the entire community and rural area underserved.

Customers living in Glenvil are not able to get 4/1 service from DSL. Glenwood's wireless Internet will exceed this requirement.

- 4. A list in Excel Format of all the census blocks where broadband facilities would be deployed for the proposed project which shall include 2010 Census Block identification numbers of service area, by project. The list of census blocks must be identified on a per project basis and must be contained in one spreadsheet. Carriers should not break apart the listing of census blocks in separate workbook tabs.**

Attachment B - Listing of census blocks in Excel format-CONFIDENTIAL

- 5. An estimate of the number of potential new broadband subscribers for each project.**

GT anticipates a 33% to 50% penetration rate for potential Internet users living in the rural areas. All customers will receive access to broadband speeds that exceed the 4/1 standards set forth by the Commission.

- *Sutton Project:* - 70
- *Franklin Project:* - 20
- *Glenvil Project:* - 125

- 6. A schedule for broadband deployment with commitment to complete the build-out within 24 months of approval of the application. The schedule should describe milestones in project completion increments of 25 percent, and the estimated date by which the milestones will be completed.**

Attachment C – Schedule for Broadband Deployment - CONFIDENTIAL

- 7. A proposed budget, showing total project costs, in electronic format, with a detailed breakdown of the cost elements and a depreciation schedule showing the life of the investment.**

Attachment D – Proposed budget and depreciation in Excel format - CONFIDENTIAL

- 8. Proposed Retail pricing including both monthly recurring costs and nonrecurring costs for the new broadband service(s) to be offered. Proposed rate, either monthly recurring (MRC) or non-recurring (NRC), for broadband related customer premise equipment (CPE, e.g. modem). If none listed, please state that the applicant will not be charging a rate to the end user for broadband CPE.**

Attachment E – Proposed retail pricing - CONFIDENTIAL

- 9. Retail rate(s) charged for basic voice service. IF a subscriber line charge is assessed, the amount of the (SLC). IF no SLC is assessed then a statement that no SLC is assessed.**

Attachment E – Proposed retail pricing - CONFIDENTIAL

- 10. A description of the applicant's commitment to offer broadband services to all households within the service area of the project for a minimum of five (5) years.**

GT is committed to rural Nebraska and the communities we serve. We are committed to this project for several reasons and, if awarded the funding, we will provide service to this area for at least five years.

GT has offered fixed wireless and fiber service to rural Nebraska since 2000. In that time we have built and operated one of the largest broadband networks in the state of Nebraska. We brought broadband Internet service to customers, who to this day, would still not have access if it was not for our investment.

GT is located in central Nebraska and most of our employees were born and raised here. We are committed to the state we live in and the communities we serve. We understand that without the latest technology, at affordable prices, the erosion of our rural population may continue to accelerate. Increasingly, if people do not have access to the latest technology, they will explore other areas to live and work. When people move away it hurts the local economy and rural Nebraska.

Our exceptional customer service and reputation for exceeding customer's expectations makes us a good candidate for a broadband grant. In a recent survey our customers gave a 97% satisfaction rating in overall customer service. This dedication means customers in rural Nebraska will continue to enjoy quality broadband speeds and exceptional customer service.

- 11. A description of the applicant's commitment to provide broadband data to the Commission and its vendors for the duration of the Nebraska Universal Service Fund Broadband Program (NEBP) program so that this broadband coverage area can be depicted on the Commission's state broadband data inventory map and on the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's (NTIA's) national broadband map.**

GT hereby commits to provide broadband data to the Commission and its vendors for the duration of NEBP.

12. A description of the applicant's financial qualifications, which may be filed on a confidential basis, to meet the commitments made in the application.

Attachment F –Financial qualifications in Excel format - CONFIDENTIAL

13. If the applicant does not have a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide telecommunications services in Nebraska, a demonstration of the applicant's financial, technical, and managerial competence.

GT holds a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide telecommunications services in Nebraska, granted by the Commission on October 2, 2007, which can be found in Attachment G of this application.

14. A description of the applicant's financial match which will be used to meet the commitments made in the application. Applicant shall submit a proposed budget for the entire project cost.

GT commits to fund at least 25% of the project cost with current funds in place and requests grant funds for the remaining 75%. We also commit to providing project invoices as required. A confidential detailed cost estimate is provided in Attachment D.

15. An affidavit from the Applicant attesting to the truth and accuracy of all information included in the application.

Attachment H - Affidavit

Attachment A

GT Project Summary - CONFIDENTIAL

Attachment B

**List in Excel format of all census blocks where broadband facilities would be deployed-
CONFIDENTIAL**

Attachment C

Proposed Build-Out Timeline - CONFIDENTIAL

Attachment D

Proposed Budget and Depreciation in Excel format – CONFIDENTIAL

Attachment E

Proposed Retail Pricing – CONFIDENTIAL

Attachment F

Description of the Applicant's Financial Qualifications in Excel format – CONFIDENTIAL

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Attachment G

Order Granting Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

Nebraska Public Service Commission

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LETTER OF NOTIFICATION

Dear Charles Hastings:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the application of Glenwood Telecommunications Incorporated for authority to operate as a Competitive Local Exchange Carrier of telecommunication services within the State of Nebraska.

This application was docketed under Application No. C-3853. Interested persons are hereby notified that protests to the application must be filed on or before September 27, 2007.

If a formal hearing is necessary to dispose of this matter, interested persons will be notified later of the time and place of such a hearing.

Please note that the Commission rules require that if the applicant is represented by legal counsel at a hearing on this application, that counsel must be admitted to practice in Nebraska or be accompanied by local Nebraska counsel.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Maurice Gene Hand".

Maurice Gene Hand
Communications Director

MGH:sh

cc: Chandan Choudhary, Telcom Consulting Associates, 1465 Kelly Johnson Blvd., Ste. 200,
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October 2, 2007

CERTIFICATION

To Whom It May Concern:

I, John Burvainis, Deputy Director of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, hereby certify that the enclosed is a true and correct copy of the original order made and entered in the proceeding docketed C-3853 on the 2nd day of October 2007. The original order is filed and recorded in the official records of the Commission.

Please direct any questions concerning this order to Shana Knutson, Attorney, at 402-471-3101.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, Lincoln, Nebraska, this 2nd day of October 2007.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Burvainis".

John Burvainis
Deputy Director

JB:sh

Enclosure

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SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) Application No. C-3853
of Glenwood Telecommunications)
Inc., Blue Hill, for authority)
to operate as a Competitive)
Local Exchange Carrier of) GRANTED
telecommunications services)
within the State of Nebraska.)
) Entered: October 2, 2007

BY THE COMMISSION:

By application filed August 23, 2007, Glenwood Telecommunications Inc., (Applicant), Blue Hill, seeks authority to provide Competitive Local Exchange telecommunications services throughout the State of Nebraska. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on August 27, 2007. No protests were filed; therefore, this application is processed pursuant to the Commission's Rule of Modified Procedure.

EVIDENCE

Applicant is a privately held Nebraska Corporation with headquarters in Blue Hill. Glenwood Telephone Membership Corporation is Applicant's sole shareholder. Applicant is authorized by the Secretary of State to operate in Nebraska as a corporation. In addition, no officer, director or shareholder having five percent or more of the Applicant's voting securities has been involved in a formal complaint or other investigatory or enforcement proceeding.

Applicant is a common carrier that provides wireline telephone service, wireless Internet service, digital subscriber line service, and community antenna television services in the State of Nebraska. Applicant seeks authority to provide switched and dedicated applications in the State of Nebraska. Applicant proposes to provide its services originating throughout the entire State of Nebraska. However, Applicant does not intend this Application to be construed as a bona fide request for interconnection with any carrier. Applicant has not applied for certification to provide telecommunication services in any state other than Nebraska.

In support of its managerial, technical and financial capabilities, Applicant submitted a description of its senior officer's management and telecommunications experience as well as financial statements. Applicant's general manager has over

23 years of experience in telecommunication operations and 11 years experience in the operation of Glenwood Telephone Membership Corporation. Applicant's proposed CLEC network will consist of diversely routed fiber backbone facilities which will be connected to the Applicant's Parent Company's current ILEC network. Applicant's financial statements were filed under seal. Applicant filed prepared financial statements for 2004, 2005 and 2006 as confidential Exhibit 4.

Applicant states that a grant of the proposed application will serve the public interest. Applicant's service will provide customers with a competitive choice, will promote lower prices, and provide more innovative services. Ultimately, competition will provide the stimulus for further economic development in the state of Nebraska.

Applicant has filed a tariff with the Commission as required by state statutes and the Commission's regulations.

O P I N I O N A N D F I N D I N G S

The Commission considers this application for authority in light of the following criteria and standards established in the Commission's telecommunications rules:

- (a) Whether the Applicant has provided the information required by the Commission;
- (b) Whether the Applicant has provided a performance bond, if required;
- (c) Whether the Applicant possesses adequate financial resources to provide the proposed service;
- (d) Whether the Applicant possesses adequate technical competence and resources to provide the proposed service;

- (e) Whether the Applicant possesses adequate managerial competence to provide the proposed service; and
- (f) Whether granting the Applicant a certificate preserves and advances universal service, protects the public safety and welfare, ensures the continued quality of telecommunications services, and safeguards the rights of consumers, pursuant to Section 253(b) of the Act.

Applicant has demonstrated that it meets the standards of financial, technical and managerial competence and all other criteria necessary to provide local exchange service in the State of Nebraska.

These opinions and findings carry no precedential value other than establishing minimum standards and criteria to apply when considering applications to provide local exchange service in the above-mentioned territories. All telecommunications carriers seeking such a certificate must demonstrate that they meet, at a minimum, the standards and criteria set forth herein.

Before the Applicant is allowed to provide local exchange service to its users, it must either:

- (a) Through negotiation or arbitration, reach an interconnection/resale agreement with the pertinent incumbent local exchange carrier and receive Commission approval of the interconnection/resale agreement; or
- (b) In the event a certified local exchange carrier provides a wholesale tariff, purchase rates from that tariff, file its own tariff and receive Commission approval of its tariff.

This order does not terminate, waive or in any manner diminish the exemptions and protections created by the Act for rural carriers, as defined by the Act. This order does not address the issue of the rural local exchange carrier exemption under the Act. Rural exemptions may be terminated, suspended or modified only as provided in Section 251(f) of the Act.

Prior to providing local exchange service in any area in the State of Nebraska, Applicant must file tariffs in accordance with the provisions of Section 002.21 of the Neb. Admin. R. & Regs. Title 291, Chapter 5.

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As a provider of local exchange service in the State of Nebraska, Applicant would be subject to the same laws, rules and regulations, both federal and state (including any laws, rules or regulations regarding universal service, restrictions on joint marketing and quality of service), applicable to any other local exchange company except those obligations imposed on ILECs pursuant to Section 251(c) of the Act.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-3853 be, and hereby is, granted as provided herein.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Applicant comply with Section 251(f)(1)(B) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and that the Applicant submit any bona fide request(s) for interconnection, services or network elements from a rural telephone company to the Commission for its approval.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Applicant is obligated to abide by the same laws, rules and regulations, both federal and state (including any laws, rules or regulations regarding universal service, restrictions on joint marketing and quality of service), applicable to any other interexchange and local exchange carriers, except obligations imposed on incumbent local exchange carriers pursuant to Section 251(c) of the Act.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, to the extent Applicant provides access line service as referenced in the Telecommunications Relay System Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-301 through 86-315 (Relay Act) and defined in Neb. Admin. R. & Reg. Title 291, Chapter 5 § 001.01B, the Applicant shall collect from its subscribers a surcharge (Relay Surcharge) pursuant to the relay act and the Commission's annual orders establishing the amount of the surcharge, and shall remit to the Commission the proceeds from the relay surcharge as provided by the relay act.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Applicant comply with all necessary statutes and Commission Rules and Regulations as they pertain to the Nebraska Universal Service Fund.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Applicant shall file, in accordance with the applicable statutes, on or before April 30 of each year, an annual report with the Commission consisting of: (a) a copy of the ARMIS filed with the Federal Communications Commission if applicable; (b) a copy of any annual report to stockholders; and (c) a copy of the latest Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. If such

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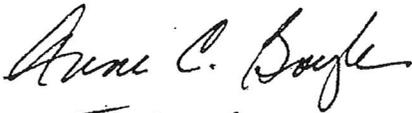
reports are unavailable, Applicant shall file a balance sheet and income statement for the previous year of operation, and for the State of Nebraska on a combined interstate-intrastate basis, the investment in the telephone plant and equipment located within the state, accumulated depreciation thereon, operating revenues, operating expenses and taxes.

IT IS FINALLY ORDERED that this Order be, and hereby is, made the Commission's official Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to the Applicant to provide local exchange telecommunications services in the State of Nebraska.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 2nd day of October, 2007.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:



//s// Rod Johnson
//s// Frank E. Landis

Chairman



ATTEST:



Deputy Director

Attachment H

Affidavit from the Applicant attesting to the truth and accuracy of all information included in the application.



AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF NEBRASKA

COUNTY OF WEBSTER

I, Stanley Rouse, being duly sworn on oath do hereby affirm that all information included in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

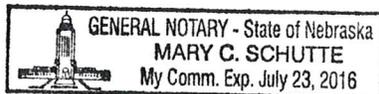
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Stanley Rouse, CEO/General Manager
Glenwood Telecommunications, Inc.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on the 24th day of November, 2014.

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Notary Public



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Attachment I
Letters of Community Support

Nebraska State Legislature

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November 12, 2014

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Re: Glenwood Telecommunications, Inc. Broadband Grant Application

Dear Public Service Commissioners:

I write in strong support of an application filed by Glenwood Telecommunications, Inc. for a broadband grant. For the past eight years I have had the privilege of serving the people of Legislative District 38, which comprises the entirety of six counties and a portion of another in south-central Nebraska. It is primarily a rural district.

Broadband services are vital to ensuring access to excellent education, diverse business opportunities, and quality health care, all of which are critical to retaining rural populations and improving our quality of life. As you know, broadband services are expensive to provide in low population density areas. For this reason, many rural areas do not have access to high quality broadband services. The application of Glenwood Telecommunications proposes three projects to deploy broadband to such areas, which currently are unserved or underserved:

- **Rural Sutton**, which will provide fixed wireless service to rural Sutton residents
- **Franklin**, providing fiber to community businesses – in particular, the hospital
- **Glenvil**, which will provide fixed wireless to residents in town and the surrounding rural area

All of these projects are in District 38, and all are important to ensuring the residents of the District have access to the tools needed for productive and quality life.

Glenwood Telecommunications, Inc. has a history of bringing high quality broadband service to rural areas. The broadband solutions that Glenwood has deployed in many other areas of my district have opened doors of possibility that did not exist to residents and businesses prior to the entrance of Glenwood to their market.

In conclusion, I fully support the efforts of Glenwood as they seek external funding to provide broadband access across rural Nebraska. Glenwood is an outstanding small business in rural Nebraska. They do things the right way and do much to meet the technology needs of rural Nebraska. It has been a privilege to serve as their State Senator.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tom Carlson".

Senator Tom Carlson
District #38



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Cooperative Producers Inc.
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10/29/14

Dear NPSC:

I am submitting this letter in support of Glenwood Telecommunication's grant application for Sutton, Nebraska fiber Internet access.

Cooperative Producers Inc. (CPI), is one of the largest agriculture cooperatives in the United States and we rely heavily on broadband Internet service to operate our business. Many of the small communities we serve, including Sutton, Nebraska, do not have adequate broadband for our needs. The community of Sutton is unique, because we only have one provider option and their DSL service is not adequate for our needs.

We currently use Glenwood's fiber optic service in other communities and, as a result, those locations are able to run more efficiently and better utilize the technology that is available. As you know, the agriculture community relies heavily on technology and bandwidth is a key part of this. Our customers look to use for answers on how to better utilize this technology, but we must have adequate bandwidth in order to assist them.

We encourage you to approve this application and help bring fiber Internet to Sutton, Nebraska.

Sincerely;

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dustyn John", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Dustyn John
CPI

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October 29, 2014

To: Nebraska Public Service Commission

Re: NUSF92 Grant Application for Glenwood Telephone Membership Corporation

The 2009 Health Information Technology Act was part of the larger American Recovery and Investment Act passed by Congress for Health Care Organizations to adopt Electronic Health Records (EHR). Separated into two stages, the Meaningful Use Objectives require Health Care Organizations to demonstrate that their EHR application can connect to other providers electronically to exchange patient health information as well as allowing access to Health Records by patients via a secured patient portal. Health Care Organizations failing to meet these requirements are subject to monetary penalties.

Increasing patient access to electronic health records is a priority for Franklin County Memorial Hospital and also happens to be a major part of regulations for Stage 2 Meaningful Use Criteria set by Medicare guidelines. Eligible professionals, such as doctors and hospitals, covered under the CMS (Medicare) Regulations are required to "provide patients the ability to view online, download, and transmit their health information within 4 business days of the information being available." These regulations also require that more than 50% of patients seen by eligible professionals must have the same "timely access" to their health record data.

In addition to the transferring of patient information to other providers and allowing patient access to their medical records, we must also generate and electronically transmit 50% of all permissible prescriptions written by healthcare providers.

In the viewing and transmitting of patient health care records there is also the need for remote diagnosticians to view patient's medical imaging data via PACS applications.

With all of the requirements either in effect or readying for implementation with the Health Information Technology Act, healthcare organizations are facing many challenges to making sure their Electronic Health Record systems have the security and the speed to comply with these regulations.

In the past Glenwood Telephone has been able to provide quality service to the extent that was necessary at that time but with additional challenges, which present with ever increasing frequency we MUST have faster and more reliable service delivery to our area. Noteworthy also is the fact that at the present time this quality of service is not available through any other source at all in the City of Franklin. Glenwood Telephone has supported our hospital facility and the Campbell Medical Clinic for many years and we certainly wish to continue this relationship.

Glenwood Telephone has fiber optic technology available to our Campbell facility but the same technology is necessary to Franklin County Memorial Hospital in Franklin Nebraska in order to be in compliance with governmental regulations and is also critical in the delivery of quality patient care and timely patient treatment.

Fiber optic infrastructure development in our area is of utmost importance and is presently a missing but very necessary element in our community. We are challenged daily with insufficient speeds (even at the fastest available option) and interrupted service which greatly challenges quality patient care within our hospital and

Rural Health clinics. This technology will demonstrate dramatic and measurable improvements in so many aspects, both business and patient health care related.

I submit this letter of support and would wholeheartedly request your consideration for grant funds to a most worthy and necessary addition to the infrastructure of this part of south central Nebraska.

If you have any questions or need more information please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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Dear NPSC:

I am submitting this letter in support of Glenwood Telecommunication's grant application for Franklin, Nebraska fiber Internet access.

Cooperative Producers Inc. (CPI), is one of the largest agriculture cooperatives in the United States and we rely heavily on broadband Internet service to operate our business. Many of the small communities we serve, including Franklin, Nebraska, do not have adequate broadband for our needs. The community of Franklin is unique, because we only have one provider option and their DSL service is not adequate for our needs.

We currently use Glenwood's fiber optic service in other communities and, as a result, those locations are able to run more efficiently and better utilize the technology that is available. As you know, the agriculture community relies heavily on technology and bandwidth is a key part of this. Our customers look to use for answers on how to better utilize this technology, but we must have adequate bandwidth in order to assist them.

We encourage you to approve this application and help bring fiber Internet to Franklin, Nebraska.

Sincerely;

Dustyn John
CPI

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dustyn John", is written over a large, stylized, handwritten "CPI" logo.

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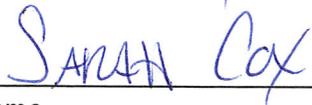
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Signature



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Signature

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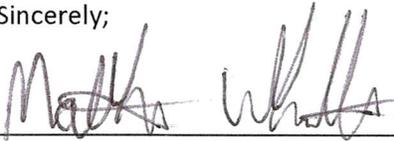
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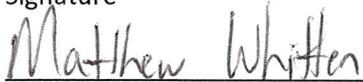
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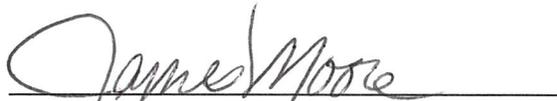
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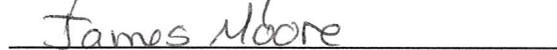
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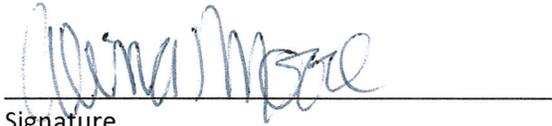
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Signature

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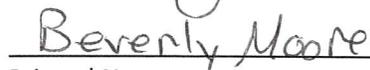
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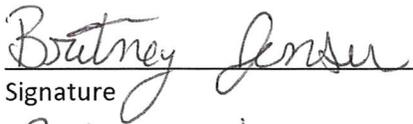
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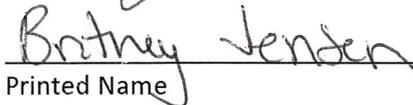
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