Glenwood Telecommunications, Inc. Strang Attachment M-2 – Letters of Support

Stakeholders in the Village of Strang project area have provided signed letters endorsing Glenwood Telecommunications, Inc.'s grant application for funding from the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program.

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RE: Glenwood Broadband Bridge Program Application

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to encourage you to approve the request made by Glenwood Telecommunications Inc. for funding under the Broadband Bridge Program, which aims to enhance connectivity throughout much of rural Fillmore County, including the village of Strang. All of Fillmore County lies in the 32<sup>nd</sup> Legislative District, which I have the privilege of serving.

During my first term in office, I have been a strong proponent of facilitating public-private partnerships. I understand that Glenwood is actively working with Fillmore County to determine how to expeditiously deploy broadband infrastructure to best serve the needs of all locations in the Project footprint. That is roughly 107 rural Nebraskans who don't have reliable broadband today. Glenwood's track record when it comes to serving all locations in its service territory is critical to my support for their application.

Not only have the public-private partners agreed to serve all locations, but they have agreed to cooperate to ensure that services will be affordable for all residents. What Glenwood has agreed to with Fillmore County is the type of collaboration we should be encouraging, and you can do so by approving Glenwood's application.

Yours sincerely,

Senator Tom Brandt Legislative District 32

## Village of Strang

**STRANG, NE. 68444** 

Nebraska Public Service Commission 1200 N Street #300 Lincoln, NE 68508

RE: Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program (NBBP)

To Whom it May Concern,

I am pleased to offer a letter of support for Glenwood Telecommunications' application for funding from the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program, representing the Village of Strang.

At present, our Village suffers from inadequate infrastructure and limited access to dependable high-speed internet. Installing a fiber network would enable and expand the capacity for residents and businesses to telecommute and advance the local economy.

I am optimistic and looking forward to improving Strang Village's broadband through the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program. Your attention to this initiative would improve the community's internet, ensuring residents access to dependable and adequate broadband.

Respectfully,

LoNeal Beck, Village of Strang Chairperson

Nebraska Public Service Commission 1200 N Street, Suite 300 Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to express my support for Glenwood's application to the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program. As the owner of Bubba's Anytime cafe, located in Strang, Nebraska, I have seen firsthand the critical need for reliable and high-speed internet in our small community.

Bubbas, which has been in operation for over 17 years, enjoys the backing of locals in our tightknit community and attracts patrons from neighboring areas, providing economic advantages for the Village of Strang.

Our village currently suffers from inadequate service by Windstream, leading us to relay on a wireless connection for internet. Despite a clear view of the tower, our internet is unreliable, often disrupting our surveillance cameras. These cameras are critical for our business's security. I am concerned about the significant impact on our business should something happen.

A robust broadband infrastructure is essential for the success of small businesses like mine. It would allow us to efficiently manage operations, connect with suppliers, market our services, and provide an enhanced experience for our customers. This initiative will also enhance the overall living standards for all Strang residents.

Thank you for considering my letter of support. I am confident that with Glenwood's expertise and commitment, this project will bring substantial and lasting benefits to our community.

Sincerely,

Julie Dunker

Owner, Bubba's Anytime

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