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Nebraska Public Service Commission
Attn: Cullen Robbins, Director, Telecommunications/NUSF
1200 N S # 300
Lincoln, NE 68508

Re: Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program Support-NCTC

Dear Mr. Robbins,

Our community is pleased to extend support to Nebraska Central Telephone Company (NCTC) and its application for funding from the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program.

NCTC has a long history of providing quality services in Arcadia and have upgraded the broadband speeds available in the rural areas. This grant would allow them to bring the same high-speed internet within village limits. The COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated the need for high-speed broadband to allow our residents the ability to work from home, participate in online learning, and access healthcare via telehealth.

NCTC provided us a sample Digital Inclusion Plan and we believe it will positively impact broadband adoption and digital literacy in our community.

We are excited about the opportunity to have quality, high-speed broadband available to our citizens and fully support NCTC's grant application to bring fiber-to-the home to our community. If awarded, we would help ensure that they have all the necessary support from the village to complete this project quickly and efficiently.

Sincerely,



Dale Paider
Chairperson Village of Arcadia