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Nebraska Public Service Commission Attn: Cullen Robbins, Director, Telecommunications/NUSF 1200 N St # 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 Burwell and have upgraded the broadband speeds available in the rural areas. This grant would allow them to bring the same high-speed internet within city 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 city to complete this project quickly and efficiently.

Sincerely,

Cody Feeken Mayor