Nebraska Central Telephone Company
Hazard Village Limits Underserved Application
Attachment D

Noncontiguous Project Explanation

The Nebraska Central Telephone Company ("NCTC") service area covers a substantial swath of central Nebraska and includes portions of Adams, Blaine, Buffalo, Custer, Greeley, Hall, Holt, Howard, Garfield, Kearney, Loup, Rock, Sherman, and Wheeler counties. Although NCTC has already commenced construction of a fiber broadband network in its territory, there are still serviceable locations presently unserved or underserved by broadband, as that term is defined in the Broadband Bridge Act (the "Act"). When complete, this project, will bring NCTC one step closer towards meeting the goal of ubiquitous broadband in the NCTC service area. This Application includes every eligible serviceable location in the village of Hazard and is noncontiguous only because ineligible census blocks have separated eligible locations in the project area.

NCTC's Hazard Village Limits Underserved application consists of 15 underserved locations that are all in the village limits of Hazard. The locations are close to, but not quite, contiguous to one another. The only reason this Application is not for every location in the entire village is that there are census blocks that are ineligible according to the most recent publicly available FCC Form 477 data. The noncontiguous locations in this Application are all situated in the same exchange and connected to the same fiber network owned by the same service provider. It is abundantly clear that the locations in this Application are naturally connected to each other and grouping them together is intentional and logical from a business standpoint.

When completed, the noncontiguous underserved serviceable locations in this application will be connected to a singular fiber network built and maintained by NCTC. NCTC understands that people in every part of its service area have the need for a fast and reliable broadband connection. Although the locations in this application are noncontiguous currently, when complete, the locations will all be connected to each other over NCTC's fiber network. NCTC looks forward to completing this broadband project and using it to deploy sufficiently fast internet to all its customers for decades to come.