

**Nebraska Central Telephone Company
Rural Gibbon Underserved Application Business Plan
Attachment G**

In evaluating the viability of the Rural Gibbon Underserved Broadband Bridge Act (the “Act”) grant application submitted by Nebraska Central Telephone Company (NCTC), the proposed project was scrutinized from a legal, technical, and cost standpoint. That evaluation is bolstered by years of successful deployment and maintenance of financially viable broadband networks in the State of Nebraska by NCTC and its soon-to-be owner Hamilton Telecommunications (Hamilton). As with the existing broadband networks maintained by NCTC and Hamilton, the Rural Gibbon Underserved Application makes good sense in all aspects.

Project Overview

The geographic area of the Rural Gibbon Underserved Act application consists of a small area of land just outside the city limits of Gibbon, Nebraska. Gibbon has a population of approximately 1883 residents and is in Buffalo County, located on Highway 30 about 13 miles east of Kearney. Gibbon is a thriving community full of businesses of all kinds, including NCTC’s main office. The proposed project, if approved, would deploy fiber broadband internet to the underserved serviceable locations around Gibbon.

The legal challenges of the Rural Gibbon Underserved Application are well understood and manageable.

Because NCTC has an existing broadband network, including fiber, in and around the city of Gibbon, NCTC has a good grasp of the legal challenges there. NCTC has had a relationship with Gibbon and Buffalo County for a significant period of time and always obtains permission to do work in their jurisdictions. NCTC also purposefully communicates project timelines, so all stakeholders are in the loop regarding work. As in the past, NCTC will seek approval from Buffalo County to bury fiber in the county’s right of way. Additionally, there is existing fiber that runs along Highway 30, which is a state highway that bisects Gibbon and follows the Union Pacific Railroad through town, there may be a need to obtain additional permitting from the Nebraska Department of Transportation as well. NCTC has already deployed fiber across railroad property at Gibbon and will most likely not need to do any further work on railroad property but will secure the necessary permission to do so if necessary. NCTC

