

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

In evaluating the viability of the Rural Ravenna 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 Ravenna Underserved Application makes good sense in all aspects.

Project Overview

The geographic area of the Rural Ravenna Underserved Act application is all within a few miles of the city limits of Ravenna, Nebraska. Ravenna has a population of approximately 1,360 residents and is in Buffalo County, located near the intersection of Highway 2 and Highway 68, about 30 miles northeast of Kearney. The proposed project, if approved, would deploy fiber broadband internet to the underserved serviceable locations around the city of Ravenna. In order to complete fiber buildout to all serviceable locations in the community, nearly nine miles of new fiber will be buried and connected to NCTC’s existing fiber network.

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

Because NCTC has an existing broadband network, including fiber, in and around the city of Ravenna, NCTC has a good grasp of the legal challenges there. NCTC has had a relationship with Ravenna 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 Highways 2 and 68, which are state highways that intersect just south of Ravenna, and 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 Ravenna and will most likely not need to do any further work on railroad

