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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,

Thank you for considering this application to the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program Grant, submitted by Nebraska Central Telephone Company ("NCTC"). This is an outstanding opportunity for the residents within the NCTC exchange and we appreciate your commitment to broadband deployment throughout the state.

As you are aware, Nedelco, Incorporated dba Hamilton Telecommunications ("Hamilton") has entered into an agreement to acquire Nebraska Central Telephone Company ("NCTC"), with closing scheduled to occur after the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program Grant applications are due. While the applications are being submitted by NCTC, Hamilton and NCTC have approached the application process collaboratively, ensuring that all commitments made by NCTC to deploy fiber within its service territory will be fulfilled post-acquisition.

Hamilton and NCTC have a long standing and successful history of collaboration in the telecom industry, dating back over 100 years and three generations of ownership. We are confident that this current venture and subsequent fiber buildout will be no exception. Hamilton is prepared to make available the monetary and personnel resources required to complete the fiber deployment as described within this application and has already begun the planning required to succeed.

Hamilton is also no stranger to the broadband grant process, as we were successful in receiving a grant from the Nebraska Department of Economic Development ("DED") in 2020, and under extreme circumstances related to the pandemic, extraordinary weather events, and supply chain concerns, were able to successfully complete the project in Merrick County on-time and with much acclaim from the DED staff. We are confident in our ability to complete the buildout requirements of the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program Grant with the same amount of success.

We look forward to working with Nebraska Public Service Commission on this project in the coming months and would be happy to discuss any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Nelson", with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

John Nelson
President/CEO