



Date: January 17, 2024

Subject: Seeking Community Feedback on Proposed Broadband Deployment Project

To whom it may concern:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that Hartelco intends to apply to the Nebraska Public Service Commission for a Capital Projects Fund grant to provide broadband internet service in your community. We are seeking feedback from impacted communities regarding the proposed project.

Please review the details of the proposed project below and provide feedback via the attached Community Feedback Form to the Public Service Commission **no later than March 27, 2024.**

Hartelco

Crofton Project

Provide Advanced Telecommunications Services to the town of Crofton & it's rural areas

Installation of Fiber Optic cable to the businesses and homes in the Crofton area

100 Mbps for \$65 per/mon., 250 Mbps for \$95 per/mon., 500 Mbps for \$115 per/mon., 1 Gig for \$200 per/mon.

The proposed project area may also be viewed on the Nebraska Broadband Map, which will be made available on or around January 24, 2024 at <https://psc.nebraska.gov/telecommunications/nebraska-broadband-bridge-program-nbbp>.

If you have questions regarding the proposed project, you may contact Hartelco at 402-254-3901. If you have questions regarding the Capital Projects Fund grant program, please e-mail psc.broadband@nebraska.gov or you may contact the Nebraska Public Service Commission Consumer Advocate during regular business hours (Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. CT) by calling 402-471-3101 or toll free in Nebraska at 1-800-526-0017.

Sincerely,

Tom Noecker
Hartelco

Cc: Nebraska Public Service Commission psc.broadband@nebraska.gov

**Capital Projects Fund
Community Feedback Form**

PROJECT DETAILS

Applying Service Provider: _____

Project Name: _____

Description of Proposed Project Area:

Provide advanced telecommunication services through the installation of fiber optics to businesses and homes in the Crofton City limits and rural Crofton.

Name of person/entity completing the form: _____

Community Role (mark one):

Community Member

Local Business: _____

Local Government: _____

Local Nonprofit: _____

Tribal Government: _____

Other (describe): _____

I/We DO NOT support the providers application because:

I/We support the provider’s application because (select any that apply):

The proposed service area is not able to receive reliable broadband service of 25/3 Mbps or greater.

The proposed service area is not able to receive reliable broadband service of 100/20 Mbps or greater.

The proposed project would result in the entire community having access to high-speed internet at 100/100 Mbps.

The proposed service provider has consulted with the community in relation to community needs and affordability of the proposed service plans.

Other reasons (please complete below)

Comments:

Please feel free to include supplemental information regarding the proposed project as attachments to this form.

More information about the Capital Projects Fund grant program or the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program, including a map and an electronic version of this form, can be found on the Nebraska Public Service Commission (PSC) website at: <https://psc.nebraska.gov/telecommunications/nebraska-broadband-bridge-program-nbbp>.

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Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

Please return completed feedback forms and any supplemental information **no later than March 27, 2024**, via e-mail to psc.broadband@nebraska.gov or via mail to 1200 N Street, 300 The Atrium, Lincoln, NE 68508.

Not sure what to write in the comments section?

Here are some ideas to help you!

These could include but are not limited to:

- Mention the lack of high-speed internet and service you are receiving at this time
- To help businesses grow and attract more businesses to our community (if applicable)
- To improve quality of life for residents by fulfilling the essential need for high-speed internet in this day and age
- To be able to work from home, for telehealth capabilities and for online schooling
- Fiber optic internet is the only type of reliable internet
- Installing fiber optic internet is future-proof for the sustainability for any community