

Attachment E Technical Capability Statement

Vyve Broadband is a highly skilled telecommunications provider in Nebraska that specializes in connecting rural communities by providing high-speed, reliable hybrid fiber-coaxial and fiber optic service to residents and businesses. Vyve operates in 16 states across the country and currently serves approximately 18,000 households in Nebraska throughout our systems in Columbus, Schuyler, Central City, Bellwood, Alma, and more. Recent investments have brought gigabit download speeds to residential customers in the state, with speeds of up to 10 Gbps symmetrical available to some commercial customers. Vyve has a proven track record constructing industry standard fiber networks and bridging the digital divide.

At Vyve, we know the needs of rural communities first-hand. Our executive team is well-seasoned with decades of industry experience designing and building broadband networks to be resilient and reliable. Our backbone and middle-mile transports leverage diverse paths with redundant sources and utilize automatic failover tools to maintain network integrity in the event of upstream provider outages or severe weather events. Vyve's network operations center (NOC) is staffed 24/7 by a team of 30 NOC engineers who constantly monitor changing conditions to minimize network impairments. Vyve's regional operations team will be responsible for the day-to-day maintenance of the network and currently consists of 1 director of construction, 3 construction coordinators, 2 technical operations managers, 4 technical support supervisors, and 42 broadband technicians. All members of our local technician workforce are trained by regional trainers and are certified through the Society of Cable Telecommunications Engineers (SCTE). We also maintain close business relationships with a number of licensed and qualified telecommunications contractors for construction, maintenance, and installation.

The Platte South River Expansion project proposes the construction of approximately 16 miles of new fiber to serve 162 locations using a gigabit passive optical network (GPON) architecture. This point-to-multipoint model represents a major step forward from traditional hybrid fiber-coaxial (HFC) systems. At the headend, downstream traffic from the internet arrives at an optical line terminal (OLT). The signals continue along the passive glass fiber network as light via optical



splitters, without the need for radio frequency (RF) amplifiers or other active equipment. At the customer premises, the signal is received by the optical network terminal (ONT), taking the place of a traditional modem, which then connects to the customer's router for daily use. We have chosen to use GPON as it is the industry standard for new network construction. The passive fiber topology enables much higher downstream and upstream bandwidth than HFC as well as a higher quality of service with fewer maintenance costs, power requirements, and points of failure (such as nodes and amplifiers). The technology is also future-proofed and scalable; we intend to install OLTs capable of supporting up to symmetrical 10G speeds, allowing us to upgrade our speeds as data usage grows without needing to construct any new plant facilities.

In terms of reliability and maintenance, the facilities are expected to have a useful life of over 20 years, and the FTTH passive equipment will last the life of the plant with no routine maintenance needed. The project is designed to be 100% underground, which greatly reduces the impact of weather, tear downs, pole replacements, and other outside factors. The electronic equipment will be proactively monitored for stability by our operations team and will be supplied with redundant input sources and power generation to maximize uptime in the event of damage to the plant. Ultimately, passive FTTH is an inherently reliable technology that requires minimal routine intervention.

In summary, Vyve is capable of meeting the technical requirements of the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Program by providing speeds above the 100/100 Mbps minimum backed by a proven track record that demonstrates our commitment to serve the communities for years to come.



Figure 1. Overview of Vyve's presence in Nebraska.





