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Ms. Ames,

Thank-you for reaching out about the interest in expanding broadband internet access to the City of Yutan, the city fully supports and welcomes this expansion. As a growing community we need to be able to provide the amenities that both current residents and businesses desire, but something that helps draw new growth to the area. Broadband internet is just as vital in that as good roads and other utilities in our mind. In light of the Covid-19 pandemic it is vital for organizations and individuals to have a reliable high speed internet service that they can rely on.

The city offices are also in need of a good high speed internet connection that will allow us to fully utilize some of the newer technology in our daily duties. We are working on the ability to provide a fully digital interface for our residents that wish to conduct business in that manner. Recently we updated out website and are working to provide more online services, and fully automating our utility meter reading and billing. We are also working to incorporate our permitting process to an electronic platform to reduce paperwork and filing time. Having high speed internet in the community will make this easier for the city to carry out.

Again, thanks for your interest in providing this service to Yutan, please let me know if there is anything else you need from us. Windstream has our full support in this and we are excited for the community.

Sincerely

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