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c/o Nebraska Information Technology Commission

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Re: Comments in response to the Rural Broadband Task Force Findings and Recommendations, Draft – August 12, 2019; in response to the NUSF Subcommittee Findings and Recommendations – August 9, 2019; and in response to Appendix 7

Dear Mr. Toner:

The following updated data is being provided to you as Chair of the Nebraska Rural Broadband Task Force (the “Task Force”). Please forward this information to Ms. Anne Byers and to Mr. Tom Rolfes in order that receipt of the information may be acknowledged on behalf of the Task Force. It is my understanding that this information will be posted to the Task Force’s website and thereby will become a part of “the record” of the Task Force proceedings.

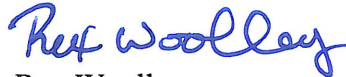
Hershey Cooperative Telephone Company is an incumbent local exchange carrier as well as a Nebraska Eligible Telecommunications Company that receives High Cost Program support from the Nebraska Universal Service Fund (the “NUSF”). Thus, Hershey has a keen interest in the Rural Broadband Task Force Findings and Recommendations (the “Findings”) and the NUSF Subcommittee Findings and Recommendations (the “Subcommittee Findings”) that will be made a part of the Findings. In particular, Hershey’s interest is focused on those portions of the Findings and Subcommittee Findings relating to the NUSF and the accuracy of the data reflected in Appendix 7 relating to broadband availability in the areas in Nebraska served by Hershey.

According to Appendix 7, the percentage of rural households served with 25/3 Mbps broadband in the Hershey service area is 26%. Hershey would like the record to reflect more current data using the FCC’s Form 477 deployment file as of December 2018. Using that file, Hershey’s deployment is as follows:

- Percentage of rural households served with 25/3 Mbps broadband 44%
- Percentage of rural households served with 25/2 Mbps broadband 52%
- Percentage of rural households served with 10/1 Mbps broadband 04%

Hershey Cooperative Telephone Company appreciates the opportunity to submit this updated data to the Task Force and thank the Task Force and its members for their work in preparing the Findings to be delivered to the Nebraska Legislature.

Respectfully submitted,



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