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Dear Mr. Toner:

I submit this on behalf of Nebraska Central Telephone Company (NCTC) to update information as it pertains to NCTC's current rural Broadband deployment in the Nebraska Rural Broadband Task Force (Task Force) report. It is my understanding that these comments will be posted to the Task Force's website and will become a part of Task Force records.

NCTC serves nearly 3,300 square miles of mostly rural territory in central Nebraska and deployed its initial retail high speed Internet service (Broadband) in 1999. Since that time NCTC has continued to invest in facilities to extend broadband into rural areas with the goal of making available some level of higher speed Internet service to all customers. Over time, and particularly recently at an increasing pace, the definition of what has been considered Broadband is increasing. As a result of these increasing speed targets and NCTC's network upgrades, publicly available data as recent as 2017 (including the FCC 477 Report and the Task Force's draft report) does not reflect the state of NCTC's rural Broadband deployment.

NCTC recently filed its Broadband deployment data in the FCC Form 477 reporting process as of June 30, 2019. Per the data supporting this filing, NCTC has deployed broadband capability in excess of 25/3 Mbps to 1,584 rural households (36.2%) out of a universe of 4,374 rural households. In addition, all non-25/3 Mbps rural households in NCTC territory have access to some level of high speed Internet access, with nearly all remaining households having access to at least 5/1 Mbps. All in-town households have access to Broadband at 25/3 Mbps or greater.

NCTC has and will continue to invest in rural fiber optic facilities with the goal to achieve 100% fiber deployment. This deployment will be supported and accelerated by sufficient and stable high cost support from both the Federal and Nebraska universal service programs.

Sincerely,

  
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