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February 19, 2019

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To whom it may concern:

The Lockridge Network is endeavoring to provide affordable high speed internet to rural Wayne County. The availability of this service will allow school age students(as well as others) to access affordable internet service from home, something not all of them currently have. This will impact students in at least two different school districts.

As a point of reference, I actually live in the Seymour School District in a rural area, and we have experienced multiple challenges in attempting to get quality internet service. I believe that the Lockridge Network will fill that need.

This is a hometown company stepping out here in an effort to assist rural students and residents, and I believe that they would be very worthy recipients of a grant.

Please contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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February 18, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in support of Lockridge Networks and the need for wireless internet service providers in rural Iowa.

I am a resident of Russell Iowa and serve as a council member for the City of Russell. We live in a world where businesses and households alike are dependent upon reliable internet service and like a lot of small communities in Iowa, we are plagued by poor quality internet service and outdated technology. Today's demands call for higher speeds and more bandwidth and it is no longer possible for old telephone lines to meet this demand.

It is not economically feasible to provide every single household in Iowa with their own personal fiber optic line, so we look forward to newer technologies from wireless internet service providers like Lockridge Networks. They are able to cost-effectively provide fast, reliable internet service for a fraction of the cost that it would take to install fiber and I am fully in support of making funds available for Lockridge Networks through the state's grant system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CP', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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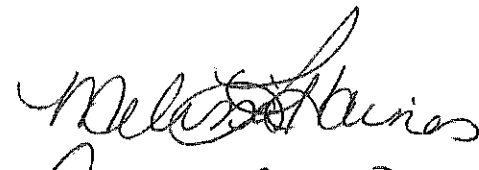
Hometown Realty has assisted homeowners buy and sell homes for many years. Homeowner priorities have evolved over the years. One of the most common priorities our clients have today is access to high speed, reliable internet. Our clients are using more bandwidth today than ever before and that usage will only continue to grow over the next decade. Unfortunately for many potential homeowners in southern Iowa access to high speed, reliable internet is not available.

We fully support Lockridge Networks and their goal of connecting rural Iowa. Having a local business serving our internet needs will be beneficial to fulfilling our current clientele's needs and attracting new residents to the area.

Please consider awarding Lockridge Networks a grant to help expedite this process.

Thank you for your time.


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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in regards to Lockridge Networks and their desire to give the people of South Central Iowa all a chance to have access to high speed internet. As of now high speed internet is not available in many rural and urban areas, especially in Wayne County. Being a real estate broker, access for high speed internet is always a question from my clients; I can't always guarantee they can get it, therefore if they choose to go elsewhere because of this issue, the county as a whole loses out on new families with various occupations.

High speed internet is also very important for my business, nowadays, if able; most clients have already done their homework because of the internet. For example, they know where the property is, what it looks like, how much it costs and so on. This makes my job less stressful, because when they come to see a home in person, they usually know what to expect.

Everything is turning to the internet; it only seems fair that everyone has equal access, regardless of where they live.

Please take into consideration a grant for Lockridge Networks for striving to provide equal internet opportunities throughout South Central Iowa.

Thank you

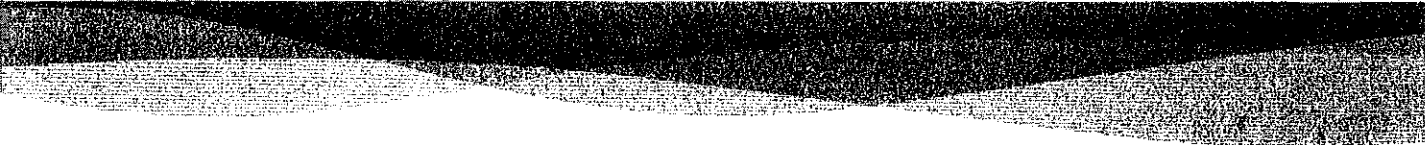


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Russell Livestock Market, LLC

To whom this may concern,

I am writing this letter to tell what a wonderful experience we have had with Lockridge Net. We are a livestock marketing business located in a rural area. Part of our business is having an online auction that is broadcast over the internet where buyers can place bids as well as the sellers viewing their livestock being sold if they cannot make it to the sale. For the 11 years we have been in business we have had very poor internet connection & speed. So poor that we could not make the bidding option available to buyers because of such a delay. We tried long reach DSL, Satellite internet and had the same results with each. Then Lockridge Net came along, we now broadcast our sale online with no delay, broadcasts real time, & a very clear video. We are very pleased with this service & would recommend it to anyone.

Sincerely,



Jana Murphy

Owner/office manager



Feb. 15th 2019

To whom it may concern:

There are many advantages and disadvantages to living in rural Iowa. One of the things that I am most proud of as a board member for the Seymour Community School District is that in 2016 we were able to provide each student 4th-12th with their own personal Chrome book. Teachers send and grade assignments on them for the students. The teachers and students really like the technology. The only complaint that I have heard is that some of the students cannot finish their assignments from home due to the fact that there is not a reliable internet provider available where they live. Eventually Lockridge Networks will be able to fill this gap in coverage for our area. Please consider them for this grant. With help from you the expansion of coverage will be quickened immensely.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Drew Power". The signature is stylized with a large, looping "D" and "P".

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Board of Directors
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February 19, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

Wayne County is located in a rural area of south central Iowa and is classified at the highest level of "rural and remote" geography using any of the current rural grading methodologies. Our residents pride themselves in remaining progressive despite statistics that label us a poverty stricken area.

As a member of the Wayne County Board of Supervisors, I fully support the efforts of Lockridge Networks as they pursue grant funds for their internet project. Lack of connectivity for Wayne County has always been a concern and was very apparent as I worked with other community leaders when the town of Seymour experienced tornado damage in March of 2017. Seymour is representative of many areas of Wayne County where limited internet services could result in a lack of critical care for residents, many of whom are elderly.

Recently a company has announced an expansion in Wayne County that will increase their workforce by 200+ jobs. Many of those jobs require that employees are technologically literate, making it even more important for our citizens to have access to high level internet speeds.

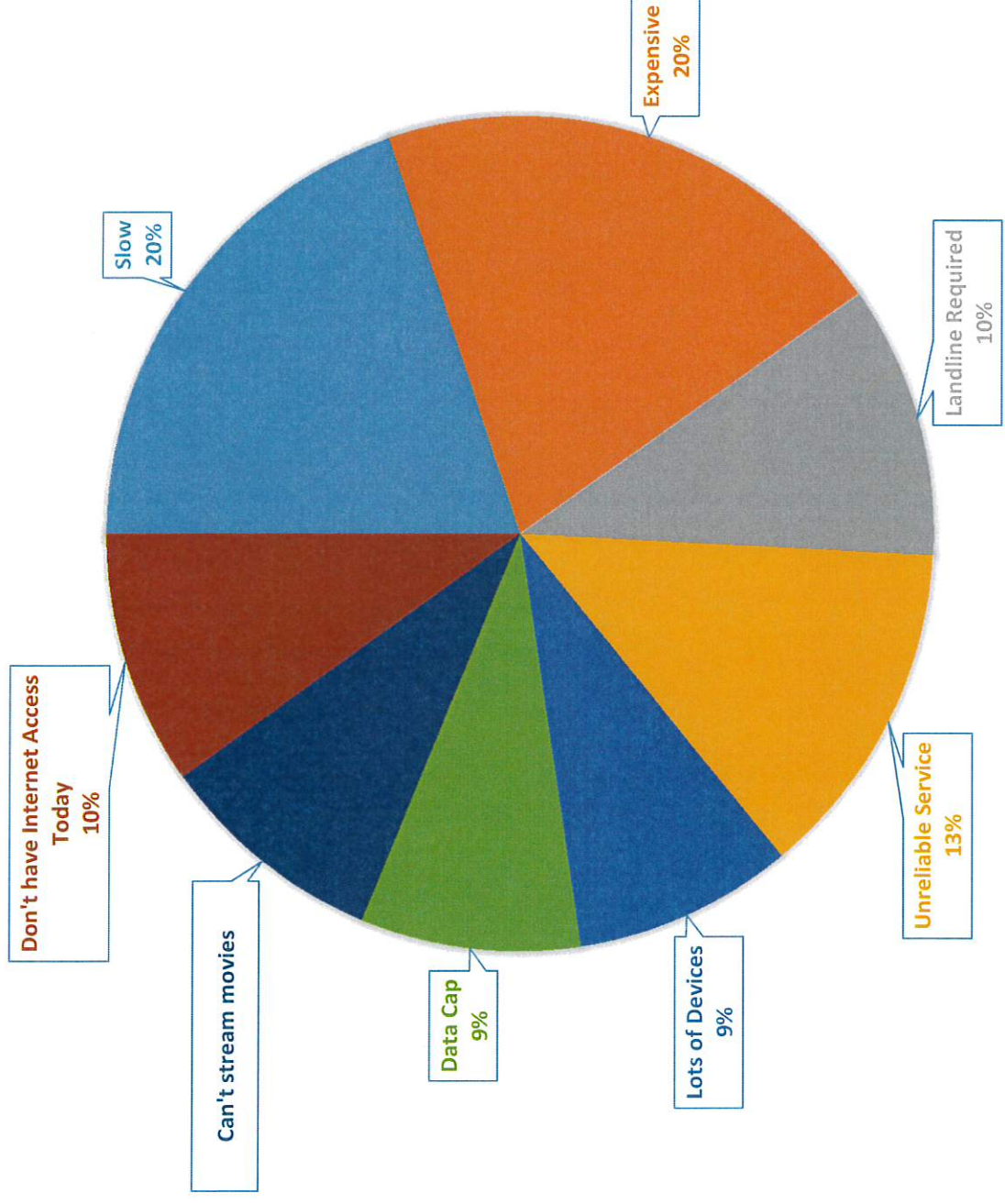
Please feel free to contact me at 641-872-2221 if you have any questions concerning my support for this project.

Sincerely,



David Dotts

CUSTOMER SURVEY- WHY NEW CUSTOMERS LEFT THEIR EXISTING SERVICE - WHY THEY ARE SETTING UP NEW SERVICE WITH LOCKRIDGE NETWORKS



Idea Submitted by Caleb Housh

Idea

We have established our own wireless network in southern Iowa called Lockridge Networks. We currently have seven towers strategically placed in Lucas, Wayne and Appanoose counties. My family owns a small chain of four lumberyards throughout the area. Our business has been on the Network for a year and a half now without any major issues. We have had some hardware issues but that is it. We have started installing wireless internet to residential properties over the past 2 months. These customers are test customers to see how the Network performs and what hardware works best in each scenario. We hope to have 2 G's of fiber connected to our system within the next 30-60 days. We have invested about \$250 K to get where we are now. Each residential installation costs about \$300. We charge \$99 to install and our average monthly rate will be \$69/ month. Most rural Iowans are forced to also pay for a phone line that they do not use and we do not require that. We do offer phone service if the customer requests it. Our solution is less expensive and faster to install than fiber optic cable. The amount of interest and customer orders coming in is almost overwhelming. I feel that this is the most efficient and quickest way to get rural Iowa connected.

County Wayne

City Seymour

Governor Pays Visit to Lumberyard-Run Internet Provider

Governor pays visit to lumberyard-run internet provider.

Dec. 30, 2018

BY KYLE OCKER, DAILY Iowegian

PROMISE CITY, Iowa (AP) — Local builders and avid do-it-yourselfers have long turned to Lockridge, Inc. for construction materials. Many residents are beginning to turn to them for high-speed Internet.

Challenges with getting high-speed Internet in rural areas and even small towns have proved a struggle, the Daily Iowegian reported. Even in places in which federal data states an area has access to high-speed internet, that data doesn't always prove true.

Lockridge, Inc., a family-owned building materials company with locations in Wayne, Appanoose, Lucas and Putnam counties, set out about two years ago to come up with a solution to their own internal problem. That solution may end up solving a societal problem faced by many in rural southeastern Iowa.

The Lockridge company is headquartered where the business began in the 1940s in Promise City, population 113. This location houses their company network, including point-of-sale and their estimate generation systems.

Getting their other locations in Centerville, Chariton and Unionville, Missouri able to connect to that network, however, was sometimes a challenge due to the lack of broadband access in the area.

Around the same time, they were aiding in the construction of a home for Pete Krebs, who has an Internet networking background. Together, they came up with a solution: Create Lockridge's own wireless Internet network.

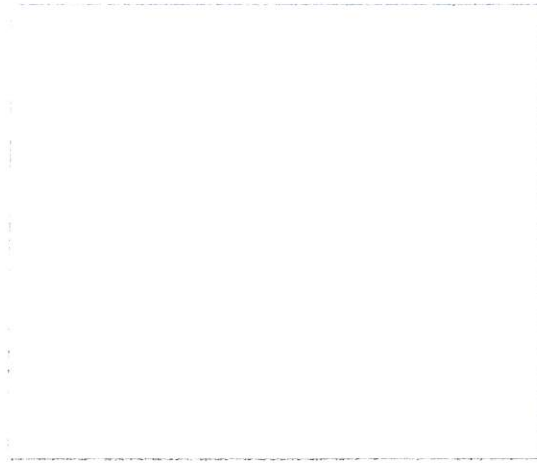
This involved setting up various towers in the area, which drew questions from curious residents in the sparsely populated rural areas.

Caleb Housh, a sales manager of the family-run business, said at first some employees of Lockridge themselves got connected with the system. The firm is now offering the service to the communities they serve.

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The unique scenario drew the attention of Gov. Kim Reynolds and her Lt. Gov. Adam Gregg as they stopped at the company's Promise City location during a southern Iowa swing.

Housh said the service is still in a pre-launch stage. Krebs said over two years the new Internet service company has grown confident in their network and service options.

Krebs, who co-owns the new Lockridge Networks company, told Reynolds that just a few feet in elevation change can make a major difference in the kind of power or radios that need to be used to establish service.

The trees and rolling hills of southern Iowa create problems and are among the reasons the service still has some gaps in its pre-launch phase. The company plans to continue expanding, and filling in those service gaps over time.

One day, Housh told Reynolds, the dream is that service would be available south of the Highway 34 corridor between Interstate 35 and the [Mississippi](#) River. For now, the service is expected to remain in somewhat of a soft-launching phase until the first part of 2019.

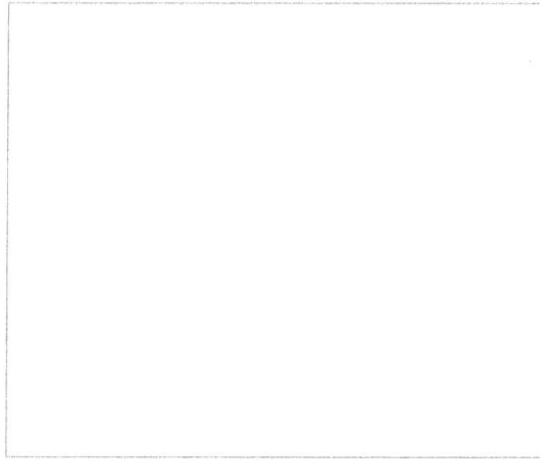
Those interested in obtaining services can contact Lockridge Network, which is a separate company operated by many of the same people as the lumber company. The best way, Housh said, is through Facebook via the Lockridge Networks page.

Potential customers will be put onto a waiting list, though if they happen to be at an address serviceable by current equipment the company can begin connecting them immediately.

Krebs showed Reynolds data that a random home in Seymour is achieving 60 Mbps download speeds, well above the federal standard for broadband. It's much quicker than what the only other fixed broadband service can deliver to the town of 706 people

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"We've promised them 25 Mbps, we're actually giving them 60," Krebs said. "We want to be able to consistently provide better quality service. ... They had upgraded previously from a three-megabit service."

Information from: Daily Iowan (Campus Paper), <http://www.dailyiowan.com>

An AP Member Exchange shared by the Daily Iowegian.

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