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RE: Application 255758 –Broadband Grant Program – Connect Every Iowan Control Number: 301481

Comment By Mahaska Communication Group, LLC. 210 S D Street, Oskaloosa, IA 52577 in response to Application 255758 –Broadband Grant Program – Connect Every Iowan Control Number: 301481 – Windstream Iowa Broadband Initiative 2019.

After reviewing this application, exhibits and Project Map Area, we have determined Windstream is applying for funding to build in areas of Mahaska, Keokuk and Poweshiek Counties that are currently serviced and or planned service areas for 40/4 Mbps fixed wireless Internet or optic fiber Internet.

Attached map *MCG Fixed Wireless Coverage Map.pdf* shows areas in green that are in-service fixed wireless coverage areas, area in yellow as in-process build fixed wireless service areas and areas in grey as planned fixed wireless service areas.

Attached map named *MCG Fiber Optic Coverage Map.pdf* shows areas in green that are in-service optic fiber service, yellow areas that are in-process build optic fiber areas, and areas in red as potential fiber optic service areas.

Please find also attached the file *mcg fixed wireless census tract.xlsx* that contains Census Tract and Census Blocks associated to the fixed wireless coverage areas related to areas on the map.

It is Mahaska Communication Group's belief that it is already providing service or in the process of providing service that exceeds the 25/3 Mbps minimum requirement of the grant program and that Windstream's application for grant funding in these areas does not meet the requirements or serve the intended purpose of this grant.

Respectfully Submitted,

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