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To the Iowa Office of the Chief Information Officer:

The special barriers we currently face are population density within the Baxter exchange we have 107.38 miles of copper in the ground. We have 5.85 subscribers per square mile in that particular exchange. The current estimates for the Baxter community come in at 2.6 million dollars in Plant construction only. There would be another 750k-1 million required for electronics in our central office and at the customers premises. Total project cost could be 3.6 million to 4 million dollars to serve only 5.85 customers per square mile. Contractors would need to be hired to complete construction, boring would be utilized within the city limits due to the concrete roadways as well as possible consumers concrete driveways and landscaping. Materials are becoming difficult to order again with some orders being a year out already.

Cash on hand for construction projects is being utilized in the rural portions (underserved) of Baxter this year, therefore the additional capital is not there to complete this project. Receiving a grant would put us in a much better position to be able to secure funding for this type of project.

Thank you,

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