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Request for Clarification -Broadband Grant Program (NOFA #003) - Application #367104

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Office of the Chief Information Officer:

In response for Clarification – Broadband Grant Program NOFA #003 Application #367104

La Motte Telephone Company is choosing option #2 – Confirming the number of broadband units in our project area that **ARE UNSERVED** by 25/3 Broadband service, meaning that no other known Communication Service Provider currently facilitates 25/3 Broadband or faster service to those broadband units. We are confirming 32 broadband units **ARE UNSERVED**.

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We are basing this information on the letters signed by the residents in the project area, and that La Motte Telephone Company is also a provider of wireless internet service and we understand wireless technology. We have been contacted by residents of this area for service and we were unable to provide service to their homes based on the distance from the tower, if they were on an elevation that would allow line of sight. Many of the residents live alongside a bluff of rock which would not allow wireless internet signal to penetrate, or they have large trees in the line of sight which signal is not able to penetrate or they live in a valley which precludes the signal from reaching them, as wireless internet is “line of sight”.

We are attaching elevation documents from Google Earth Pro to further document the rugged terrain where the residents of our project reside.

We will be providing speeds above the 100/20 to these residents, so that if their children need to do distance learning they will have the means by which to do this, and if their parents need to work from home at the same time they will have the bandwidth to continue to work and earn a living.

Fiber to the home is a “future proof” technology to provide these residents in rural Jackson County the broadband required during the Pandemic and for the future.

Thank you for your consideration,

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General Manager

Preview attachment Bell-Casc Rd Profiles.pdf



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