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July 8, 2021

Office of the Chief Information Officer of the State of Iowa
200 E. Grand Ave.
Des Moines, IA 50309
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RE: Empower Rural Iowa, Emergency Broadband Expansion Grant Program – NOFA #006

Dear Chief Information Officer and Review Committee:

I would like to express my full support of the Empower Rural Iowa, Emergency Broadband Expansion Grant application for Modern Cooperative Telephone Company's (Modern Cooperative) broadband plan for portions of rural Iowa County would address the lack of adequate broadband Internet access and connectivity in the area. Due to Modern Cooperative's long and successful history of providing state-of-the-art broadband service at modern speeds to other rural communities and their strong reputation for customer service and community commitment, I am confident in their capability to enhance broadband service for the residents of rural Iowa County.

As an underserved area with limited modern Internet services, residents of rural Iowa County are faced with many challenges, such as limited medical resources and distance barriers between patients, physicians, and facilities. Because of the rural nature of the area, students do not receive equitable broadband resources as compared to those in more urban areas. Rural students may lack the opportunity for research, distance learning, video, and other tools that advanced broadband can deliver.

With funding assistance from the Empower Rural Iowa, Emergency Broadband Expansion Grant program, Modern Cooperative's proposed expansion will enable the residents of rural Iowa County to overcome geographical distances, empower them through information, and bring the world to their fingertips. Additionally, I feel strongly that this project will enable greater collaboration and teamwork between community service centers, public safety offices, county offices, and municipal offices.

I respectfully ask you to consider Modern Cooperative's proposal for their fiber project in rural Iowa County. It is extremely important that state broadband grant funding be obtained to provide much needed broadband service to this area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'John L. Gahring'.

John L. Gahring, Chair

July 14, 2021

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RE: Empower Rural Iowa, Emergency Broadband Expansion Grant Program – NOFA #006

Dear Chief Information Officer and Review Committee:

I am writing this letter on behalf of Modern Cooperative Telephone Company (Modern Cooperative). As a resident of Parnell, Iowa, Rhino Ridge Homeowners Association we would like to express our full support of the Empower Rural Iowa, Emergency Broadband Expansion Grant application for Modern Cooperative. They have a long and successful history of providing state-of-art communications services within the State of Iowa. Modern Cooperative has a strong reputation for community commitment and strong customer service. We are confident in Modern Cooperative's capabilities for enhancing broadband service for those residing in Parnell Iowa.

With the assistance from the broadband grant, Modern Cooperative will be able to enhance our broadband connectivity with a fiber network design. This fiber build will enable us to overcome some geographical distances, empower us through information, and bring the world to us through a few simple strokes of a keyboard. As an unserved rural area with limited access to Internet services, we face many challenges including limited medical resources and distance between patients, physicians, specialists and facilities. Because of the rural nature of our area, our students do not receive equitable broadband resources as other students in more urban learning centers. We lack the ability to engage in distance learning, video and other tools that advanced broadband can bring to our students. Therefore, it is extremely important that broadband grant funding be obtained to provision for much needed broadband service to our area.

We strongly urge the Chief Information Officer and Review Committee to fund this Empower Rural Iowa, Emergency Broadband Expansion Grant application, not only will this help with sustaining the future of advanced broadband services in Modern Cooperative's proposed funded service area, but also promoting the future economic stability of our community.

Sincerely,
Jonathan and Mindy Wuebker

2933 N Drive – Parnell.

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Sincerely,

Kendra Walsh
319.331.3584
2919 N Drive
Parnell, Iowa
52325

July 7, 2021

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Sincerely,


Steve Huedepohl

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Sincerely,

Todd & Lisa Schmidt

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Currently residents in our neighborhood of 32 homes are limited to 1-2 providers. Satellite options are mediocre at best and high expense with insufficient bandwidth. If there is a cloud in the sky, they don't work. The second option is a tower direct line of site which requires residents to place a receiver box 30-60 feet in the air or higher above their home to acquire access which is also limited and high cost. Our options are limited, high priced, and unreliable. A known provider Windstream continues to refuse to upgrade telephone lines because "We aren't as important as the local towns". QUOTE!!! Please consider strongly the grant to bring 32+ homes to updated rural broadband capability!

Modern Cooperative has a long and successful history of providing state-of-art broadband service at advanced speeds to other rural communities and has a strong reputation for community

commitment and customer service, we are confident in their capabilities of enhancing broadband service for residents of Parnell and specifically the Rhino Ridge Homeowner's Association.

Sincerely,
Rhino Ridge Home Owner's Association
Parnell, Iowa 52325

7/7/2021

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With the assistance from the broadband grant, Modern Cooperative will be able to enhance our broadband connectivity with a fiber network design. This fiber build will enable us to overcome some geographical distances, empower us through information, and bring the world to us through a few simple strokes of a keyboard. As an unserved rural area with limited access to Internet services, we face many challenges including limited medical resources and distance between patients, physicians, specialists and facilities. Because of the rural nature of our area, our students do not receive equitable broadband resources as other students in more urban learning centers. We lack the ability to engage in distance learning, video and other tools that advanced broadband can bring to our students. Therefore, it is extremely important that broadband grant funding be obtained to provision for much needed broadband service to our area.

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Sincerely,

Randy + Christine Folkman

July 9, 2021

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RE: Empower Rural Iowa, Emergency Broadband Expansion Grant Program – NOFA #006

Dear Chief Information Officer and Review Committee:

I am writing this letter on behalf of Modern Cooperative Telephone Company (Modern Cooperative). As a resident of Coyote Run Homeowners Association, Williamsburg, Iowa, we would like to express our full support of the Empower Rural Iowa, Emergency Broadband Expansion Grant application for Modern Cooperative. They have a long and successful history of providing state-of-art communications services within the State of Iowa. Modern Cooperative has a strong reputation for community commitment and strong customer service. We are confident in Modern Cooperative's capabilities for enhancing broadband service for those residing in Coyote Run.

With the assistance from the broadband grant, Modern Cooperative will be able to enhance our broadband connectivity with a fiber network design. This fiber build will enable us to overcome some geographical distances, empower us through information, and bring the world to us through a few simple strokes of a keyboard. As an unserved rural area with limited access to Internet services, we face many challenges including limited medical resources and distance between patients, physicians, specialists and facilities. This would also help Coyote Run HOA members with communication with other HOA members, internet banking and working from home. Because of the rural nature of our area, our students do not receive equitable broadband resources as other students in more urban learning centers. We lack the ability to engage in distance learning, video and other tools that advanced broadband can bring to our students. Therefore, it is extremely important that broadband grant funding be obtained to provision for much needed broadband service to our area.

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Sincerely,



Charlene Doehrmann
Coyote Run HOA - Treasurer
2737 Pack Court Drive
Williamsburg, IA 52361

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Sincerely,

Davin and Sarah Alto

Rhino Ridge, Parnell, IA

July 21, 2021

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With the assistance from the broadband grant, Modern Cooperative will be able to enhance our broadband connectivity with a fiber network design. This fiber build will enable us to overcome some geographical distances, empower us through information, and bring the world to us through a few simple strokes of a keyboard. As an unserved rural area with limited access to Internet services, our children do not receive equitable broadband resources as other students in more urban learning centers. We lack the ability to engage in distance learning, video and other tools that advanced broadband can bring to our children. I am unable to work from home and have to drive over an hour to work because our internet speeds are so slow. Therefore, it is extremely important that broadband grant funding be obtained to provision for much needed broadband service to our area.

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Sincerely,
Jennifer Pidima