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September 15, 2023

OCIO

NOFA #008

200 E. Grand Ave.

Des Moines, IA 50309

Re: NOFA #008 –Broadband Affordability

To whom it may concern:

Wellman Cooperative Telephone Association (WCTA) is committed to providing broadband services that are affordable. In applying for an award under the OCIO NOFA #008 Program, WCTA pledges to demonstrate its affordability measures of existing and proposed broadband services, consisting of the following:

- (a) Broadband pricings offered are affordable to the target markets. As a benchmark, the FCC's Urban Rate Survey and Data Resources is reviewed in ensuring affordable rates.
- (b) Will provide information about pricing and speed tiers being offered.
- (c) Will include at least one low-cost option offered at speeds that are sufficient for a household with multiple users to simultaneously telework and engage in remote learning.
- (d) WCTA is eligible and is committed to applying to the Federal Communication Commission's (FCC) Lifeline Program and/or the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), which provides low-income consumers with discounts on broadband services.

As a result, Iowa County believes that WCTA's service offerings are affordable within their NOFA #008 award community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'K. Heitshusen', written over a horizontal line.

Chairman, Iowa County Board of Supervisors