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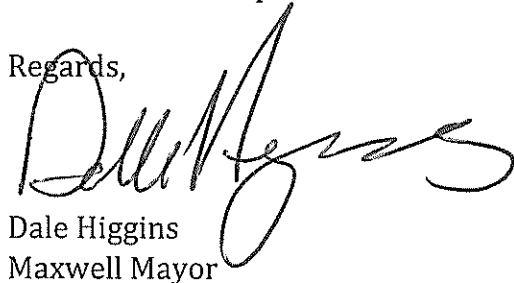
Dear Mr. Behrens:

I am writing in support of Windstream's application to the Empower Rural Broadband Grant Program for funding to expand broadband service in Maxwell, Iowa. Windstream is seeking grant funding to upgrade its existing copper network to fiber to provide 1Gbps symmetrical internet service.

Broadband access is a necessity today to growing our local economies and allowing our people to fully participate and flourish in today's digital world. As Gov. Reynolds has stated, reliable internet connections are needed to live, work, and raise a family. These grant funds will supplement Windstream's planned private investment to deliver access to reliable and fast broadband service in the community.

I appreciate your consideration of Windstream's grant application for funding and for your office's work to expand access to broadband across Iowa.

Regards,



Dale Higgins  
Maxwell Mayor

**Letter of Community Support****Broadband Grants Program-Empower Rural Iowa, Capital Projects Fund (CPF)****Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) 008**

Covered price plans are for Windstream's proposed application for NOFA 008 (CPF). (Windstream\_NOFA 008\_Maxwell)

Current Windstream Pricing for Fiber to the Premise Plans in and around the Maxwell exchange in Story County, Iowa would be as follows:

Download Speed (Mbps)	Upload Speed (Mbps)	Monthly Non-Promotional Price	Eligible for ACP (Affordable Care Plan)
500	500	\$74.99	Yes
1000	1000	\$104.99	Yes

Windstream's minimum speed plan of 500 Mbps download and 500 Mbps upload, exceeds the minimum required speed for NOFA 008, of 100 Mbps download, and 100 Mbps upload. This affordable price offering exceeds the best speed offerings currently available while also delivering broadband internet with the capability of supporting simultaneous remote work, remote learning, and remote tele-health communications, along with streaming and access to modern means of communication and entertainment.



As indicated in the chart above, all Windstream price plans are eligible for the Affordable Care Plan (ACP), that provides a \$30 monthly subsidy to participants that qualify.

Having reviewed Windstream's project and pricing proposal, we deem it reasonable, and affordable, and offer our support to their application for this round of Capital Projects Funds (NOFA 008).

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

  
  
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