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State of Iowa, Office of the Chief Information Office
Attn: Iowa Broadband Grant Program – Review Committee
Hoover State Office B
1305 E. Walnut
Des Moines, IA 50319

To Whom it May Concern:

Please consider this letter of support for Evertek in their efforts to provide broadband services to areas of rural western Iowa, which include May City and Melvin.

Northwest Iowa Power Cooperative (NIPCO) is a wholesale electric generation and transmission cooperative serving the energy requirements of our seven-member electric cooperatives in western Iowa since 1949. NIPCO ultimately serves over 30,000 electric services throughout rural western Iowa.

NIPCO is acutely aware of the utilities needs of our members. Access to quality broadband services in rural areas has been challenging for our membership. NIPCO has worked closely with Evertek over the past decade in their efforts to provide quality broadband services to rural western Iowa. Evertek's "100/100" package is an affordable high-speed connection and their proposed pricing for the covered speed packages are affordable for the surrounding community. Evertek's expertise in providing economical, reliable rural broadband services has been very beneficial to our rural members.

NIPCO fully supports Evertek's efforts to expand their broadband services within our service territory boundaries. Their broadband services are essential to future economic growth in western Iowa.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew R. Washburn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Matthew" and last name "Washburn" clearly legible.

NORTHWEST IOWA POWER COOPERATIVE (NIPCO)
Matthew R. Washburn
Executive Vice President & General Manager