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Office of Internet Connectivity and Growth
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20230

Dear National Telecommunication and Information Administration,

This letter is being written to express our support of Dairyland Power Cooperative's (DPC) Tri-State Fiber Deployment Project; a multifaceted endeavor that will bring about much needed middle mile infrastructure to predominately rural communities in south-east Minnesota, northern Iowa, south-west Wisconsin, and northwest Wisconsin through the NTIA's Middle Mile Grant Program.

Tri-County Communications Cooperative is a communications service provider located in west central Wisconsin that has been in existence since 1966. We currently are capable to provide broadband internet service to approximately 13,000 homes located across four counties.

Tri-County Communications Cooperative is fully cognizant of the significance of middle mile infrastructure to expand internet networks closer to unserved and underserved communities while offering equal opportunity for internet service providers to connect to last mile infrastructure in a cost-effective manner, ultimately promoting economic prosperity and closing the digital divide. DPC is committed to having a positive impact in Tri-County Communications Cooperative serving areas and surrounding areas by implementing middle mile infrastructure that will increase competition among local internet service providers, and subsequently lower costs and offer increased options for citizens.

In this respect, we commit to interconnecting with DPC's Tri-State Fiber Deployment Project in areas that can be beneficial to Tri-County Communications Cooperative membership, to effectively meet the needs of the community by providing reliable, affordable, high-speed broadband connection to all.

Sincerely,

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