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Enabling Middle Mile Grant Program
Office of the Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
1401 Constitution Ave., NW
Washington DC 20230

Dear Assistant Secretary:

Baca Valley Telephone Company would like to preemptively express our commitment to use the middle mile network proposed in the grant application submitted by ENMR Telephone Cooperative for the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Middle Mile Grant (MMG). We believe this project will strengthen our customers access to reliable, high-speed broadband services within the State of New Mexico.

The lack of accessible, affordable middle-mile fiber in New Mexico has prevented the expansion of fiber to the premise services. Baca Valley Telephone Company has had the opportunity to work with ENMR Telephone Cooperative and discuss the benefits and prospects afforded by the successful completion of the proposed middle mile project. Specifically, the potential to have access to more affordably priced middle-mile service, ability to deliver higher broadband speeds to our last mile customers, and the option to connect all Anchor Institutions with symmetrical 1 Gbps broadband service.

We respectfully request your consideration of ENMR Telephone Cooperative's application for the NTIA MMG.

Sincerely,

Paul Briesh, Vice-President & General Manager

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