

Executive Summary & Grant Rationale

New Lisbon Broadband and Communications, LLC (NLBC) is a wholly owned subsidiary of New Lisbon Telephone Company, Inc. (NLTC). NLBC is a Competitive Local Exchange Carrier (CLEC) providing voice, video, and Broadband services in East Central Indiana. NLTC and NLBC provide Broadband services to over 3000 customers in Henry, Wayne and Randolph Counties.

Whitewater Valley County REMC, a partner with NLBC on this project, is a rural electric cooperative in Wayne County Indiana.

NLBC is proposing to place buried fiber optic cable to serve eighty two (82) unserved residences in the east central portion of Wayne County. The area served by this project is bounded by Roelle Road on the North and Wallace Road on the South.

This project will enable these residents to have Broadband service comparable to customers in any urban area in Indiana. The proposed level of Broadband service will significantly improve their quality of life by providing access to numerous entertainment venues like OTT video and gaming, telemedicine and telehealth services, work at home opportunities, smart agriculture, and remote educational opportunities. Based on a recent study conducted by Purdue University, an investment in Broadband in Rural Indiana will yield a 4 to 1 return in dollars spent.

As an existing Broadband provider in Henry and surrounding counties since 1901, NLTC and its subsidiary, NLBC, will be able to professionally manage the new service area and provide top quality Broadband and related services. NLBC has a highly skilled and trained staff in house with over 110 years of experience on the Management team alone. NLBC will leverage these resources to fully manage and maintain the proposed fiber network for decades into the future. Since a fiber optic network typically has a projected lifespan of over 20 years, this network topology will not be a dead end for future Broadband services as needs and the required amounts of bandwidth increase, making this a future proof solution.