New Paris Telephone, Inc.

Next Level Connections Grant Program

Executive Summary & Grant Rationale

Executive summary & Grant Rationale (up to two pages long) using guidelines provided, These should be the last pages of your application.

§ 7.1 Brief project description/summary (less than 150 words)

This project has two areas. These are viable service areas as going concerns, but the initial investment would not prove in. The NLC grant aids construction and funds the capital expansion of the projects.

The north area is adjacent to an existing fiber build. We are forecasting a moderate take rate by households in the area. There are Amish households that will not take service.

The second ECB (the south area) currently has low connection speeds on extended distance ADSL. There is a partial conduit system that will be extended for fiber and VDSL service. The build costs are too high to prove in. This area will have a high take rate with LMI pricing. All households will get 10 by 1 service, the majority will have 50 by 6 service.

The technology proposed is made by a US company based in Huntsville, Alabama. It is an excellent product line.

§ 7.2 A general geographic location of the project (not census blocks) and total number of passings estimated to be made as a result of the grant project

The related maps show the location in detail. The total number of passings is 4 business locations and 112 households. The facilities proposed will be used to extend and expand service to serve additional businesses and households in other areas.

Certain equipment and work (common costs) as a part of the project will be leveraged to improve service in underserved areas on a going forward basis in adjacent areas to the eligible ECBs.

§ 7.3 A brief description of the applicant’s involvement in the project to date and how the applicant (and/or partners) intends to manage and sustain the project.

The applicant has constructed and operates adjacent existing fiber and VDSL networks in areas adjacent to the eligible ECBs. The project areas will become a part of the applicant’s ongoing business in the county, which is a successful operation.

Sustainability for the project is inherent with all other operations of the applicant. The grant funding makes the project buildout viable, and the financial benefits of the grant are passed on to subscribers in the eligible ECBs.
§ 7.4 A statement on how broadband improvements will advance the quality of life and strengthen economic development opportunities in the communities in the project area

The related maps show that 100% of every household and business is a part of the project design. The applicant has its own construction crew, lowering the cost and making service delivery possible for early adopters, the majority and late adopters in the service area.

As the resident make up changes, as the area evolves, as businesses are built or expand, service from the high speed network proposed in this project can be extended to them quickly and economically.

These ECBs are unserved due to the low density, the presence of LMI residents and other factors. The extension of fiber to the residents of the Northern ECB would not otherwise be possible without the grant program.

The residents of the southern service area are at the edge of the current VDSL service footprint. The cost of new electronics will make the delivery of enhanced service possible, and also create lower cost alternatives to get better service in underserved areas adjacent to the eligible ECBs with no additional expense.

This project is a win for the residents and businesses in the ECB’s and a win for the adjacent residents and businesses.

This improves the quality of life for a much larger group of Indiana residents throughout Elkhart County and northern Indiana, and strengthens and expands the economic development projects now underway.