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August 17, 2020

RE: Case No. 2020-00215

To Honorable Commissioners

The Hancock County Industrial Foundation is charged with helping our community create a destination for new industry as well as enhance the environment for our existing industry. Today's events have underscored the importance of access to high speed broadband. We believe this critical need will only grow in the months and years ahead.

We applaud Kenergy's intent to participate in this critical infrastructure need and given the complexities of the issue, may be the only avenue for many rural communities.

We agree with CEO Hohn's comments and support their efforts to provide these critical services to our community and the many Kentucky counties facing these challenges.

"High-speed broadband can provide substantial value for our communities," said Hohn. "These benefits include greater availability to information, online learning opportunities, economic growth, and increased efficiency for our local businesses."

The board of directors for the Hancock County Industrial Foundation fully support Kenergy's efforts and their request for a waiver per the above case no.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Baker", is written over a horizontal line.

Mike Baker, Director