



September 14, 2020

Administrative Regulations Working Group
Kentucky Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 615
Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-0615

RE: Pole Attachment Proceeding

To the Kentucky Public Service Commission:

On behalf of our 1,700+ member businesses across Central Kentucky, Commerce Lexington Inc. is writing to urge the Kentucky Public Service Commission to strongly consider the potential positive impact that the current utility pole attachment proceeding can have on rural broadband deployment in the greater Lexington area and throughout the region.

Broadband infrastructure is vital to many aspects of daily life and business. The COVID-19 crisis has made clear that vibrant economic ecosystems need sufficient connectivity to allow Kentuckians to work and study from home. For that reason, we all must do our part to promote the expansion of broadband into areas that are currently unserved. We cannot afford for homes and businesses to fall behind because expansion in their area is too costly or cumbersome.

We support continuing conversations about how processes can be improved and streamlined related to pole attachment regulations to help deploy broadband to more of rural Kentucky and create economic development opportunities throughout this region. We thank you for your consideration of this issue that is so critical to the future success of our Commonwealth.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Robert L. Quick'.

Robert L. Quick, CCE
President & CEO
Commerce Lexington Inc.