

To the Kentucky Public Service Commission:

As one of Kentucky's largest mental health organizations, providing outpatient services to nearly 25,000 adults, children and families in Central Kentucky, New Vista is deeply focused on ensuring individuals and families in our 17-County area have access to services when and where they need them. As part of this commitment, New Vista launched a robust telehealth service for our patients. So, no matter where they are, we're here to help.

However, in order to provide telehealth services to the families we serve, many of whom live in rural areas, ensuring access to reliable internet service is critical. All levels of government, local, state and federal, have an opportunity to help ensure broadband service is available in rural areas, and New Vista believes the Kentucky Public Service Commission is no exception.

It is essential that broadband providers throughout the Commonwealth have the ability to access critical infrastructure in rural areas of Kentucky to ensure they can deploy service to families that don't have access to it today. We believe the PSC's ongoing utility pole attachment proceeding has the ability to help in this regard.

That is why New Vista encourages the PSC to consider the potential positive impact on rural broadband as it makes decisions related to this proceeding.

Sincerely,

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