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Kentucky Public Service Commission  
Administrative Regulations Working Group  
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Dear Members of Working Group:

County leaders across Kentucky can attest that a central issue that we all face is ensuring broadband access is available in rural areas. Too many of our constituents are finding themselves unable to work from home, educate their children from home, receive medical care from home, and stay connected to a world that is increasingly moving online.

Our County Magistrates and County Commissioners work tirelessly to find ways to expand broadband service throughout the Counties they serve. They work with service providers and utility companies, partner with state and other local leaders, and in some cases utilize their own precious County resources to help in this ongoing effort. However, County leaders recognize that it will take all stakeholders and all governing bodies to move this issue forward.

That's why the Kentucky Magistrates and Commissioners Association is asking the Kentucky Public Service Commission to strongly consider the impact the current pole attachment proceeding and any other initiatives that would expedite the delivery of rural broadband services. The success of all our Counties is dependent upon this critical infrastructure reaching our rural families and businesses.

Thank you for your consideration.

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