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ATTN:  
Mr. Michael J. Schmitt, Chairman  
Mr. Kent A. Chandler, Vice Chairman  
Ms. Talina R. Mathews, Commissioner

## RE: Pole Attachment Regulations

The COVID-19 pandemic has only further highlighted the critical need for broadband access in today's world. Access to the Internet is essential for so many aspects of modern life, and yet far too many Kentuckians continue to find themselves without the tools necessary to connect.

The Kentucky Public Service Commission has shown tremendous leadership on an important first step in expanding rural broadband access to these currently unserved communities by addressing the expensive and rigorous process of building broadband services to rural areas. Needless barriers have often prohibited the expansion of broadband access to the 'last-mile' or the most underserved rural areas.

The PSC's current proceeding regarding utility pole attachments could help address this problem by modernizing the complicated the attachment process to allow broadband providers to more efficiently and effectively build-out their rural networks, allowing for greater access to the Internet.

Access to reliable broadband for all Kentuckians means more economic, educational, and social opportunities – all of which contribute to a more prosperous and vibrant Kentucky. It is our responsibility to ensure that citizens have equal access to these opportunities.

I hope that you will continue to show leadership on this issue and put in place guidelines that would best serve the people of our great Commonwealth.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie Raque Adams".

Senator Julie Raque Adams  
State Senator