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August 21, 2020 Kentucky Public Service Commission P.O. Box 615 Frankfort, KY 40602

RE: Case No. 2020-00215

Dear PSC Commissioners:

Union County is located in Western Kentucky on the Ohio River. We are a diverse and rich gathering of some of the finest people you would ever meet. We are blessed with vast resources of coal and fertile farmland as well as several large-scale business operations. As we have all seen in the recent events of the pandemic, access to high speed broadband is of utmost importance. As we are served now, many areas of our county have limited to no access to this lifeline. High speed internet is no longer a luxury, it is essential to the growth of our economy, retaining our people, and the education of our students.

Union County Fiscal Court fully supports Kenergy's efforts and its intent to help provide this critical infrastructure need in our county and those served by Kenergy in western Kentucky. We recommend and humbly ask that you grant their waiver request and provide any additional help to further their effort for rural broadband service. This waiver and their success will place Union County on a more level field for economic development, education, and the general welfare of our great citizens.

Thank you for your consideration of this important project. Union County Fiscal Court has great expectation of a very positive impact to our county and region.

Sincerely,

Adam R. O'Nan County Judge/Executive

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