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Members of the Kentucky Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 615
211 Sowers Blvd.
Frankfort, KY 40602
Re: Broadband in Western Kentucky

Commissioners,

I am writing to show my support of Kenergy's broadband deployment project. I want regulated electric cooperatives to be able to provide high-speed broadband services to my community, just as municipals and TVA cooperatives do today. Our community has limited, if any, availability to reliable, high-speed internet. This critical infrastructure is essential to business, healthcare, education, and quality of life.

Extending broadband services to rural areas is the modern-day equivalent of rural electrification in the 1930s. Electric cooperatives have existing infrastructure throughout our region, which makes a perfect fit to be a broadband service provider. I am requesting your approval of Kenergy's request for a waiver, which will expedite this project promptly, ensuring electric cooperatives can secure financing for the buildout.

Thank you for your consideration of this critical project, one that will positively impact my community and transform western Kentucky.

Sincerely,



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