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Members of the Kentucky Public Service Commission

P.O. Box 615
211 Sowers Blvd.
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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 1930's. 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 in a timely manner, ensuring electric cooperatives can secure financing for the build-out.

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

Sincerely,



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