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Members of the Kentucky Public Service Commission

P.O. Box 615

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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 municipalities 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.

Private ISPs have abandoned us, past public efforts have fallen short or have struggled to develop their infrastructure to meet the modern needs of consumers. While other communities across the state have been well-served by their telephone & electric co-ops, ours desperately needs this opportunity to bridge the gap.

The track record for Electric Cooperatives providing quality service to their members has been celebrated for nearly a century. The delivery of fiber broadband is the next frontier for the industry, and many co-ops across the country and state have already shown that they can

function effectively as an ISP. Furthermore, along with delivering internet service, the network provides benefits to improving the electric grid. These benefits include reducing the frequency & duration of electric blackouts, increasing energy efficiency, and reducing costs across the grid, which all provide massive benefits to members and externalities to society at-large.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kyle Danhauer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kyle" and last name "Danhauer" clearly distinguishable.

Kyle Danhauer

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