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Kentucky Public Service Commission
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PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION

Chairman Chandler,

We are encouraging the Kentucky Public Service Commission to issue a favorable Order in regards to Case # 2021 00365 *In the Matter of: Electronic Application of Kenergy Corp. for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Construction of a High Speed Fiber Network and for Approval of the Leasing of the Network's Excess Capacity to an Affiliate to be Engaged in the Provision of Broadband Service to Unserved and Underserved Households and Businesses of the Commonwealth.*

Not only will Kenergy future-proof their system by having the ability to integrate a fiber network with their SmartGrid system, it will allow the opportunity for thousands of western Kentucky citizens to have access to high-speed broadband.

Access to high-speed broadband is not a luxury. It is a necessity that many rural Kentuckians lack. Allowing Kenergy to obtain the favorable funds needed to economically build out the fiber network will enable our citizens to have the broadband access they so desperately need. Broadband is essential to the livelihood of our communities.

We understand that the commission has many items on its docket, but we consider this case critical to the advancement of the Commonwealth and ask for an Order to be made as soon as possible. This will allow this necessary project to commence immediately.

We thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jack Whitfield, Jr.", written over a white background.

Jack Whitfield, Jr.
Hopkins County Judge Executive

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