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Federal Communications Commission

Via: E-mail only to ConnectAmerica@fcc.gov

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to serve as notice to the Federal Communications Commission that The North-Eastern Pennsylvania Telephone Company, Study Area 170191, is affirmatively electing to accept the revised model-based federal universal service support (Enhanced A-CAM) as specified in Report 2.1 released by the FCC on September 21, 2023¹. The Company commits to meet the specific service obligations associated with this increased funding.² These service obligations will be satisfied by the Company's buildout of its fiber-to-the-home technology to 100% of its customers.

North-Eastern operates in rural Pennsylvania and has no other incumbent Local Exchange Carrier affiliates in the state. By making this election for the Study Area, the Company is in effect making a state-wide election.

Should you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven D. Tourje". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "S" at the beginning.

Steven D. Tourje
President

¹ The funding and associated obligations were noted in the Wireline Communications Bureau's Public Notice in DA 23-835, Released September 21, 2023. This included links to the revised reports.

² Connect America Fund et al., WC Docket Nos. 10-90 et al., Report and Order, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, and Notice of Inquiry, FCC 23-60, at ¶ 37-59 (July 24, 2023)