

LENOWISCO PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION

June 28, 2022

Tamarah Holmes, Ph.D. Director
10 Office of Broadband
Department of Housing and Community Development
600 East Main Street, Ste 300
Richmond, VA 23219

Dear Tamarah:

I am providing this VATI Application Notice to notify the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development of the LENOWISCO Planning District Commission (LENOWISCO) and Scott County Telephone Cooperative's (SCTC) intent to submit an application for the FY2023 Virginia Telecommunication Initiative (VATI). The project will continue the deployment of reliable, high-speed broadband to rural distressed areas in Lee and Wise counties and the City of Norton. Once completed, 100% of the planning district will have access to adequate, reliable, and affordable broadband service.

LENOWISCO and SCTC intend to request funding of \$28 million to construct a \$35 million project with an 80/20 match to connect approximately 9,967 unserved/underserved locations. The proposed project will serve communities beginning in Jonesville and Pennington Gap in Lee County, VA moving NE along US 58 and US 23, which will include Big Stone Gap, Appalachia, City of Norton, Coeburn, and Pound in Wise County, VA. SCTC has identified 9,967 locations throughout the LENOWISCO footprint, estimated to require an investment of \$35 million, which includes consideration of recent increased material and labor costs. This proposed project will further expand the prior FY20, FY21 and FY22 VATI-funded projects. SCTC has existing operational backbone fiber with capacity throughout the district to be used and expanded to serve all proposed locations.

Duane Miller will be our main point of contact for the purposes of the application process, and can be reached at:

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372 Technology Trail Lane, Suite 101
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LENOWISCO and Scott County Telephone Cooperative understands that this VATI Application Notice is required to submit an application for the 2023 Virginia Telecommunication Initiative and that this notice is not binding on the entity represented by the undersigned, Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director



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