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Robert Osborn, Director of Communications Division
Via Email at: Robert.Osborn@cpuc.ca.gov

RE: Plumas-Sierra Telecommunications Resolution T-17675 Lake Davis Project Additional Funds Request Update

Dear Director Osborn,

Plumas-Sierra Telecommunications (PST) was awarded \$1,118,873 from the California Advanced Services Fund through Resolution T-17675 to provide broadband services to the Lake Davis area of Plumas County.

Unforeseen factors beyond PST's control have resulted in PST changing the technology planned to provide broadband services to all the households in the Lake Davis area.

PST is requesting additional CASF funding in the amount of \$1,658,198 to complete project construction via fiber optics in census blocks 060630003004542, 060630003004467, 060630003004459, 060630003004452, 060630003004451, and 060630003004447.

At the time of application, PST planned to use TV Whitespace, a new fixed wireless technology, to provide service to a large number of households in the grant area. After the awarding of the grant in Resolution T-17675, PST was advised by the TV Whitespace manufacturers that the equipment and technology had not matured as expected and was not available for use to provide service to the grant area. PST also has been unable to acquire a permit from the USFS for a broadcast point on Smith Peak, which would be the next best alternative.

In order to provide service to the entire grant area, PST will need to change the technology type from fixed wireless to direct fiber optic connection for each household. While this will provide a more robust broadband connection for the Californians in the grant area, it will result in the need for PST to underground an additional 33,667 feet of fiber optic line and splice and install fiber optic connections at each home. This change is necessary to bring broadband service with speeds of up to 1 Gbps to all the households in the grant area.

PST appreciates the opportunity to provide vital broadband services to the residents of Lake Davis with the most advanced and reliable technology. Thank you for your continued support as we work through the challenges in this grant area.

If there are any questions regarding this request, please contact Corby Erwin at cerwin@psrec.coop or 530-832-6034.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Marshall". The signature is stylized with some overlapping strokes.

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