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To the Operators of Broadband Services and Infrastructure in South Carolina:

Recognizing the importance of access to and expansion of broadband services in the State, the South Carolina General Assembly enacted Act 142 of 2020, the CARES Authorization Act, that provided \$50 million in funding for among other things Broadband Mapping and Planning. The General Assembly further recognizes that identification of broadband coverage gaps is integral to identification and addressing barriers to expansion, and the cooperation and assistance of Internet Service Providers (ISPs) are critical components of the identification and cost estimating process to address areas of the state with limited or no broadband access.

Your assistance is requested in completing the attached survey identifying your broadband facilities in the state, and providing your response to the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff no later than September 25, 2020. Responses to this survey will be compiled into a detailed map that will be made publicly available by the end of November 2020, and will reflect broadband coverage in both rural and urban areas throughout the state.

The General Assembly has placed great emphasis on this project through the commitment of significant financial resources. If, for whatever reason, your company is unable to respond by September 25, please immediately notify the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff, with copies to Ms. Meredith Ross and Mr. Michael Jackson, whose contact information is reflected hereon.

Thank you for your cooperation in this important endeavor.

Very truly yours,

Handwritten signature of Hugh K. Leatherman, Sr. in black ink.

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