

LENOWISCO PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION

October 19, 2023

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 Dr. Holmes:

I am providing this VATI Application Notice to notify the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development of LENOWISCO Planning District Commission (LENOWISCO) and Scott County Telephone Cooperative's (SCTC) intent to submit an application for the FY2024 Virginia Telecommunication Initiative (VATI). The project will continue the deployment of reliable, high-speed broadband to rural distressed areas of the region, this phase in/around the Town of Wise.

LENOWISCO and SCTC intend to request funding of approximately \$4 million to construct an estimated \$5 million project with an 80/20 match to connect approximately 2,045 unserved/underserved locations. The proposed project will serve the Town of Wise and surrounding area in distressed Wise County, VA. SCTC has identified 2,045 locations throughout the project footprint, estimated to require an investment of \$5 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 LENOWISCO 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 in order to submit an application for the 2024 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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