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Dr. Tamarah Holmes, Director 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 Notice of Application to notify the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) that the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission (TJPDC) and Firefly Fiber Broadband (Firefly) may submit an application for the FY2024 Virginia Telecommunication Initiative (VATI).

The TJPDC intends to submit an application for serving areas of Central Virginia that may include the counties of Albemarle, Amherst, Appomattox, Buckingham, Campbell, Cumberland, Fluvanna, Goochland, Greene, Louisa, Madison, Nelson and Powhatan and that are unserved according to the definition of broadband in the VATI 2024 Program Guidelines and Criteria.

Lori Allshouse, VATI Program Director, will be our main point of contact for the purposes of the application process, and can be reached at:

401 E. Water Street Charlottesville, VA 22902 434-953-8688 (direct) lallshouse@tjpdc.org

The TJPDC and Firefly understand that this VATI Notice of Application 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.

Sincerely,

David C. Blount

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