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August 10, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

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As the Delegate representing the 47th District, I understand that affordable and reliable access to advanced broadband services is a tool that local current and future employers require to remain competitive in the 21st Century global economy. Broadband is vital to the efforts to serve existing businesses and allow them to modernize and expand. Availability of advanced broadband is a key success factor in efforts to recruit new jobs to this area, as well as to expand the educational and workforce development efforts to ensure that workers have skills necessary to compete in today's job market.

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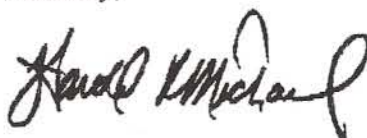
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I appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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Harold K. Michael

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Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

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Barbara Whitecotton
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Aug. 6, 2009

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I am writing to express my support for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program and Broadband Infrastructure Program Grant Application submitted by Hardy Telecommunications, Inc., to serve the Hardy County area.

As the Chairperson of the Hardy County Tours and Crafts Association, I understand that affordable and reliable access to advanced broadband services is a tool that our current and future employers require to remain competitive in the 21st Century global economy. Broadband is vital to our efforts to serve existing businesses and allow them to modernize and expand. Availability of advanced broadband is a key success factor in our efforts to recruit new jobs to our area, as well as to expand our educational and workforce development efforts to ensure that workers have the skills necessary to compete in today's job market.

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Tamara Carr
Chairperson

McCoy's Grand Theater

McCoy-McMechen Museum Inc.

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August 7, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

As the President of the Board of the McCoy-McMechen Museum, Inc, I am writing to offer our strong support for the Broadband Improvement and Broadband Technology Opportunities Program Grants Application submitted by Hardy Telecommunications, Inc., to serve the Hardy County area.

We are a non-profit that strives to bring live theater to Hardy County. Our work is important to the communities in the area we serve because for many, including children and low-income individuals, it is the only opportunity they have to see and participate in the arts.

Our mission would be more easily accomplished if we were better able to quickly and easily disseminate information regarding our events.

We strongly support this project. It is of broad significance to our organization and our entire community. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Larry C. Curtis
Board President

cc: File

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August 6, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my support for the Broadband Improvement and Broadband Technology Opportunities Programs Grant Application submitted by Hardy Telecommunications, Inc., to serve the Hardy County area. As the owner of a local community pharmacy, I understand that affordable and reliable access to high-capacity telecommunications, information and imaging, and broadband network services is a fundamental requirement for electronic health care applications, such as remote diagnostics, picture archiving and communications systems for rapid transmission of health care images, and rapid transmission of electronic patient medical records. These applications not only offer significant advances in health care services for our patients, but can also provide substantial savings for health care institutions. Rural health care institutions must operate on thin margins; therefore, any advances that can produce cost savings and improve patient care are critically important to us. In order for our organization to be able to take advantage of these electronic advances, we require high capacity and highly reliable network access and interconnection to other health care sites in the area.

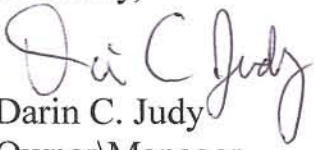
We understand that the Application submitted under the BIP and BTOP Programs will allow our area communications infrastructure to be expanded to a high-capacity, diverse and redundant fiber-optic ring. We also understand that our health care institutions will be able to be directly connected to that ring so that we can rapidly share patient records and imaging among health-care providers in a critical care situation. The diversity and redundancy offered through this expansion is an absolute necessity for the ultra-high reliability demanded of electronic health care communications.

In addition to allowing our health care institutions to share vital records and precious resources, the system will also allow us to communicate with doctors' offices, insurers, public health, EMS, and other organizations within the healthcare electronic "eco-system", via broadband links to these locations.

We support the efforts of Hardy Telecommunications, Inc., to bring these important improvements to the health care community of our rural area. Without the funding support made possible from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act through the BIP and BTOP programs, our rural, sparsely populated area would not have access to these types of electronic advances for many years to come. It is economically infeasible for any private sector company to build this type of infrastructure without access to capital funding support through these programs. If awarded, we can assure you that we will make good use of the network to enhance health care services in our area and to provide more and more types of electronic services for our patients.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Darin C. Judy
Owner\Manager

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August 12, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

As the Editor and Publisher of the Moorefield Examiner, I am writing to offer our strong support for the Broadband Improvement and Broadband Technology Opportunities Program Grants Application submitted by Hardy Telecommunications, Inc., to serve the Hardy County area..

Our organization is engaged in the publication of the newspaper of record in Hardy County. Our work is important to the communities in the area we serve because the Moorefield Examiner is the only local news outlet in Hardy County and provides employment for 13 full-time and six part-time people.

Our work depends in large part on access to high-capacity, reliability and affordability of broadband services to receive timely news and information from all levels of government as well as public safety agencies. We also offer our publication to on-line to subscribers. Without reliable and affordable broadband service, our publication could not function in an effective and efficient manner

We strongly support this project. It is of broad significance to our organization and our entire community. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Phoebe F. Heishman
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August 7, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

As the Manager of Fraley Funeral Home, LLC, I am writing to offer our strong support for the Broadband Improvement and Broadband Technology Opportunities Program Grants Application submitted by Hardy Telecommunications, Inc., to serve the Hardy County area.

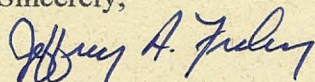
Our organization is engaged in providing funeral and cremation services to the immediate area. Our work is important to the communities in the area we serve because we provide a needed service in caring for the dead as well as the families and friends of the deceased. Our online services benefit our employees and the public at large with instant service information, video tributes and planning tools to assist in determining final wishes to the deceased. These online benefits allow those who could not otherwise attend services an opportunity to send condolences, view video tributes and order flowers for the decedent's family all from the comforts of home.

Our work depends in large part on access to high-capacity, reliability and affordability of broadband services. Without broadband services we would not be able to provide to the general public as well as client families, offerings such as video tributes or as simple as instant information regarding arrangements.

We are currently obtaining equipment and software to broadcast our funeral services online. Without the access of reliable higher-capacity broadband we would not be able to offer these services to our clients. This service when implemented would provide client family members who are unable to travel to our facility, the ability to watch the service from a live feed. This would also assist in the grieving process and would be a huge asset to any family who has suffered a loss. Without affordable, reliable broadband this type of service would not be available forcing loved ones to attempt travel to the place of services.

We strongly support this project. It is of broad significance to our organization and our entire community as well as the client families we serve. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey A. Fraley, Manager
Fraley Funeral Home, LLC

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SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO
2ND DISTRICT, WEST VIRGINIA

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August 13, 2009

Anthony Wilhelm, Deputy Associate Administrator
Office of Telecommunications and Information Applications - NTIA
U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC)
1401 Constitution Ave., NW
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Dear Mr. Wilhelm,

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Aug. 6, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my support for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program and Broadband Infrastructure Program Grant Application submitted by Hardy Telecommunications, Inc., to serve the Hardy County area.

As the Chairperson of the Hardy County Tours and Crafts Association, I understand that affordable and reliable access to advanced broadband services is a tool that our current and future employers require to remain competitive in the 21st Century global economy. Broadband is vital to our efforts to serve existing businesses and allow them to modernize and expand. Availability of advanced broadband is a key success factor in our efforts to recruit new jobs to our area, as well as to expand our educational and workforce development efforts to ensure that workers have the skills necessary to compete in today's job market.

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The current severe economic recession has more adversely affected rural, sparsely populated communities. One of our economic development strategies is to support the expansion of our area telecommunications infrastructure and interconnections to urban trading centers.

I hope that you will approve this application on behalf of Hardy Telecommunications, Inc., to help our efforts to support our businesses, retain and create new jobs and expand opportunities for our citizens.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Tamara Carr
Chairperson

McCoy's Grand Theater

McCoy-McMehen Museum Inc.

P.O. Box 125
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August 7, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

As the President of the Board of the McCoy-McMehen Museum, Inc, I am writing to offer our strong support for the Broadband Improvement and Broadband Technology Opportunities Program Grants Application submitted by Hardy Telecommunications, Inc., to serve the Hardy County area.

We are a non-profit that strives to bring live theater to Hardy County. Our work is important to the communities in the area we serve because for many, including children and low-income individuals, it is the only opportunity they have to see and participate in the arts.

Our mission would be more easily accomplished if we were better able to quickly and easily disseminate information regarding our events.

We strongly support this project. It is of broad significance to our organization and our entire community. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Larry C. Curtis
Board President

cc: File

JUDY'S DRUG STORE #2 LLC

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August 6, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my support for the Broadband Improvement and Broadband Technology Opportunities Programs Grant Application submitted by Hardy Telecommunications, Inc., to serve the Hardy County area. As the owner of a local community pharmacy, I understand that affordable and reliable access to high-capacity telecommunications, information and imaging, and broadband network services is a fundamental requirement for electronic health care applications, such as remote diagnostics, picture archiving and communications systems for rapid transmission of health care images, and rapid transmission of electronic patient medical records. These applications not only offer significant advances in health care services for our patients, but can also provide substantial savings for health care institutions. Rural health care institutions must operate on thin margins; therefore, any advances that can produce cost savings and improve patient care are critically important to us. In order for our organization to be able to take advantage of these electronic advances, we require high capacity and highly reliable network access and interconnection to other health care sites in the area.

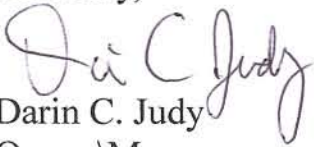
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In addition to allowing our health care institutions to share vital records and precious resources, the system will also allow us to communicate with doctors' offices, insurers, public health, EMS, and other organizations within the healthcare electronic "eco-system", via broadband links to these locations.

We support the efforts of Hardy Telecommunications, Inc., to bring these important improvements to the health care community of our rural area. Without the funding support made possible from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act through the BIP and BTOP programs, our rural, sparsely populated area would not have access to these types of electronic advances for many years to come. It is economically infeasible for any private sector company to build this type of infrastructure without access to capital funding support through these programs. If awarded, we can assure you that we will make good use of the network to enhance health care services in our area and to provide more and more types of electronic services for our patients.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Darin C. Judy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Darin" and last name "Judy" being more prominent than the middle initial "C".

Darin C. Judy
Owner\Manager

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August 12, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

As the Editor and Publisher of the Moorefield Examiner, I am writing to offer our strong support for the Broadband Improvement and Broadband Technology Opportunities Program Grants Application submitted by Hardy Telecommunications, Inc., to serve the Hardy County area..

Our organization is engaged in the publication of the newspaper of record in Hardy County. Our work is important to the communities in the area we serve because the Moorefield Examiner is the only local news outlet in Hardy County and provides employment for 13 full-time and six part-time people.

Our work depends in large part on access to high-capacity, reliability and affordability of broadband services to receive timely news and information from all levels of government as well as public safety agencies. We also offer our publication to on-line to subscribers. Without reliable and affordable broadband service, our publication could not function in an effective and efficient manner

We strongly support this project. It is of broad significance to our organization and our entire community. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Phoebe F. Heishman
Editor and Publisher
Moorefield Examiner

Fraley Funeral Home, LLC

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August 7, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

As the Manager of Fraley Funeral Home, LLC, I am writing to offer our strong support for the Broadband Improvement and Broadband Technology Opportunities Program Grants Application submitted by Hardy Telecommunications, Inc., to serve the Hardy County area.

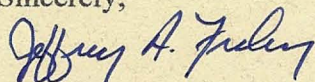
Our organization is engaged in providing funeral and cremation services to the immediate area. Our work is important to the communities in the area we serve because we provide a needed service in caring for the dead as well as the families and friends of the deceased. Our online services benefit our employees and the public at large with instant service information, video tributes and planning tools to assist in determining final wishes to the deceased. These online benefits allow those who could not otherwise attend services an opportunity to send condolences, view video tributes and order flowers for the decedent's family all from the comforts of home.

Our work depends in large part on access to high-capacity, reliability and affordability of broadband services. Without broadband services we would not be able to provide to the general public as well as client families, offerings such as video tributes or as simple as instant information regarding arrangements.

We are currently obtaining equipment and software to broadcast our funeral services online. Without the access of reliable higher-capacity broadband we would not be able to offer these services to our clients. This service when implemented would provide client family members who are unable to travel to our facility, the ability to watch the service from a live feed. This would also assist in the grieving process and would be a huge asset to any family who has suffered a loss. Without affordable, reliable broadband this type of service would not be available forcing loved ones to attempt travel to the place of services.

We strongly support this project. It is of broad significance to our organization and our entire community as well as the client families we serve. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey A. Fraley, Manager
Fraley Funeral Home, LLC

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August 5, 2009

To Whom It May Concern;

I am writing to express my support for the Broadband Improvement and Broadband Technology Opportunities Programs Grant Application submitted by Hardy Telecommunications, Inc to serve the Hardy County area. As the Owner of Spine Associates, PLLC I understand that affordable and reliable access to high-capacity telecommunications, information and imaging, and broadband network services is a fundamental requirement for electronic health care applications, such as remote diagnostics, picture archiving and communications systems for rapid transmission of health care images, and rapid transmission of electronic patient medical records. These applications not only offer significant advances in health care services for our patients, but can also provide substantial savings for health care institutions. Rural health care institutions must operate on thin margins; therefore, any advances that can produce cost savings and improve patient care are critically important to us. In advances, we require high capacity and highly reliable network access and interconnection to other health care sites in the area.

We understand that the Application submitted under the BOP and BTOP Programs will allow our area communications infrastructure to be expanded to a high capacity, diverse and redundant fiber-optic ring. We also understand that our health care institutions will be able to be directly connected to that ring so that we can rapidly share patient records and imaging among health-care providers in a critical care situation. The diversity and redundancy offered through this expansion is an absolute necessity for the ultra-high reliability demanded of electronic health care communications.

In addition to allowing our health care institutions to share vital records and precious resources, the system will also allow us to communicate with doctors' offices, insurers, public health, EMS, and other organizations within the healthcare electronic "eco-system"; via broadband links to these locations.

We support the efforts of Hardy Telephone to bring these important improvements to the health care community of our rural area. Without the funding support made possible from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act through the BIP and BTOP programs, our rural, sparsely, populated area would not have access to these types of electronic advances for many years to come. It is economically infeasible for any private sector company to build this type of infrastructure without access to capital funding support through these programs. If awarded, we can assure you that we will make good



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use of the network to enhance health care services in our area and to provide more and more types of electronic services for our patients.

Thank You in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jack Ricci

Aug. 06th, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing to express my support for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program and Broadband Infrastructure Program Grant Application submitted by Hardy Telecommunications, Inc., to serve the Hardy County area.

As the Hardy County Commission, we understand that affordable and reliable access to advanced broadband services is a tool that our current and future employers require to remain competitive in the 21st Century global economy. Broadband is vital to our efforts to serve existing businesses and allow them to modernize and expand. Availability of advanced broadband is a key success factor in our efforts to recruit new jobs to our area, as well as to expand our educational and workforce development efforts to ensure that workers have the skills necessary to compete in today's job market.

As in many rural areas of the Country, small businesses play a large role in our area economy. Many small businesses are home-based and, as such, are particularly dependent upon access to advanced broadband services to reach customer markets, suppliers, and sources of information and expertise.


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We hope that you will approve this application on behalf of Hardy Telecommunications, Inc., to help our efforts to support our businesses, retain and create new jobs and expand opportunities for our citizens.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,


Stanley B. Moyer, Jr.
President, Hardy County Commission

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TWENTY-SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
HAMPSHIRE, HARDY AND PENDLETON COUNTIES

August 6, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

As Judge of the 22nd Judicial Circuit, I am writing to offer my strong support for the Broadband Improvement and Broadband Technology Opportunities Program Grants Application submitted by Hardy Telecommunications, Inc., to serve the Hardy County area.

I believe that the upgrade of the fiber ring will benefit emergency services, law enforcement, and generally be of a great benefit to the citizens of Hardy County.

These agencies are extremely important to the community and the services they provide are greatly enhanced by high-capacity broadband services.

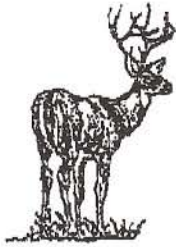
This project has my complete support and I would urge that the grant be favorably considered.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Very truly yours,

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Jerry D. Moore

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WEST VIRGINIA'S VACATIONLAND
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August 7, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

As the Mayor of the Town of Wardensville, I am writing to offer our strong support for the Broadband Improvement and Broadband Technology Opportunities Program Grants Application submitted by Hardy Telecommunications, Inc., to serve the Hardy County area.

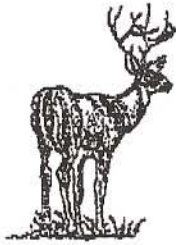
The Town of Wardensville is, of course, a governmental organization. Our work is important to the communities in the area we serve because we furnish water and sewer service, police protection, park and recreational facilities, maintain streets as well as many other services.

Our work depends in large part on access to high-capacity, reliability and affordability of broadband services. The Town of Wardensville, like most businesses, has become extremely dependent on these services and being a municipal government we are always looking for ways to cut costs.

We strongly support this project. It is of broad significance to our organization and our entire community. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Tracey "Scotty" Miller
Mayor



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Aug. 7, 2009

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I am writing to express my support for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program and Broadband Infrastructure Program Grant Application submitted by Hardy Telecommunications, Inc., to serve the Hardy County area.

As the President of the Wardensville Planning Commission, I understand that affordable and reliable access to advanced broadband services is a tool that our current and future employers require to remain competitive in the 21st Century global economy. Broadband is vital to our efforts to serve existing businesses and allow them to modernize and expand. Availability of advanced broadband is a key success factor in our efforts to recruit new jobs to our area, as well as to expand our educational and workforce development efforts to ensure that workers have the skills necessary to compete in today's job market.

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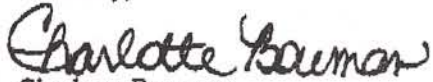
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I hope that you will approve this application on behalf of Hardy Telecommunications, Inc., to help our efforts to support our businesses, retain and create new jobs and expand opportunities for our citizens.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charlotte Bowman".

Charlotte Bowman

President

Wardensville Planning Commission

Wardensville Pharmacy LLC
P.O. Box 425
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Wardensville, WV 26851
(304) 874-3687
Owner Lisa C. Whetzel RPh

Aug. 11, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my support for the Broadband Improvement and Broadband Technology Opportunities Programs Grant Application submitted by Hardy Telecommunications, Inc., to serve the Hardy County area. As the Owner of Wardensville Pharmacy and Fitness Center, I understand that affordable and reliable access to high-capacity telecommunications, information and imaging, and broadband network services is a fundamental requirement for electronic health care applications, such as remote diagnostics, picture archiving and communications systems for rapid transmission of health care images, and rapid transmission of electronic patient medical records. These applications not only offer significant advances in health care services for our patients, but can also provide substantial savings for health care institutions. Rural health care institutions must operate on thin margins; therefore, any advances that can produce cost savings and improve patient care are critically important to us. In order for our organization to be able to take advantage of these electronic advances, we require high capacity and highly reliable network access and interconnection to other health care sites in the area.

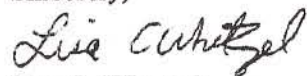
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Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Lisa C. Whetzel
Owner and Pharmacist

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August 6, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

As the General Manager of Radio Station WELD, I am writing to offer our strong support for the Broadband Improvement and Broadband Technology Opportunities Program Grants Application submitted by Hardy Telecommunications, Inc, to serve the Hardy County area.

Our work depends in large part on access to high-capacity, reliability and affordability of broadband services. It is important that we provide current information to our listeners.

We strongly support this project. It is of broad significance to our organization and the entire community. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Alan Yokum,
General Manager WELD

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Tom Widder County Planner

David Shields Assistant Planner

August 6, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my support for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program and Broadband Infrastructure Program Grant Application submitted by Hardy Telecommunications, Inc., to serve the Hardy County area.

As the Planner for Hardy County I understand that affordable and reliable access to advanced broadband services is a tool that our current and future employers require to remain competitive in the 21st Century global economy. Broadband is vital to our efforts to serve existing businesses and allow them to modernize and expand. Availability of advanced broadband is a key success factor in our efforts to recruit new jobs to our area, as well as to expand our educational and workforce development efforts to ensure that workers have the skills necessary to compete in today's job market.

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I hope that you will approve this application on behalf of Hardy Telecommunications, Inc., to help our efforts to support our businesses, retain and create new jobs and expand opportunities for our citizens in our growing Communities and County.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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**Joe Manchin III
Governor**

August 5, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to offer our support for the Broadband Improvements and Broadband Technology Opportunities Program Grant Application submitted by Hardy Telecommunications.

The West Virginia State Rail Authority's function is to facilitate rail transportation within the State of West Virginia. We monitor railroad abandonments, legislation affecting rail transportation, and rail traffic throughout the state. Additionally, we own and operate the South Branch Valley Railroad (SBVR) which services various industries in Grant, Hardy, and Hampshire Counties. We also own the West Virginia Central that serves, Barbour, Randolph, Pocahontas, and Webster Counties.

The State Rail Authority is headquartered in Moorefield, WV. We are connected to the State electric data system via internet. We are dependent on high-capacity, reliable, and affordable broadband services to both access and receive information from Charleston, WV. Without the ability to transmit and receive via broadband we cannot submit bills for payment, track payments, track contracts, receive accounting reports, submit payroll, or access employee information.

I mentioned earlier that we also operate the SBVR. The SBVR moves approximately 4,000 railcar loads of freight per year. The nation's rail system is totally electronic. We are required to have broadband service in order to connect to the railroad data interchange system. This requires the service we have to be both very reliable and, because of the amount of data and time used, very affordable.

Finally, as mentioned earlier, we monitor rail abandonments, legislation, and rail traffic throughout the state. All this information is available via the internet and obtained from the internet. The rail industry is very dynamic and changes from day to day. Reliability is the key to staying abreast of what is happening within the industry that may affect West Virginia.

We strong support this project. It is very important to our organization and to the entire community. Should you have any questions or require further information, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
Charles Hill
Property Manager