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The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

The Honorable Michell Hicks, Principal Chief The Honorable Larry Blythe, Vice-Chief

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Ian Martinez United States department of Commerce National telecommunications and Information Administration Washington, DC 20230

Dear Mr. Martinez,

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians will not be impacted in any way by any of the proposed applications. The only two that are in our area (State) are the MCNC project (ID 4218) and the MAIN project (ID 5676). We as a Tribe have applied under this NOFA as Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Broadband Enterprise. Our application is not included in this packet but is the only project that would have any impact on our Tribal lands at all. We have two communities within our boundary that were included in our application that meet the non served area criteria of the NOFA.

We as a Tribe would recommend our application as it will directly impact our lands where the other applicants will only bypass us.

Thank You,

Principal Chief Michell Hicks, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians