



March 24, 2010

Mr. Sam Coleman
Vermont Telephone
354 River St.
Springfield, VT 051056

RE: Broadband Initiatives Program / Broadband Technology Opportunities Program

Dear Mr. Coleman,

Founded in 1923 and built on an unwavering commitment to safety, quality and performance, Henkels & McCoy has long been recognized as a premier provider of telecommunications construction services nationwide, consistently ranking at the top of the *Engineering News-Record* list of Specialty Contractors. Our capabilities include design, construction, installation, material and project management, maintenance and training.

We have enjoyed a strong working relationship with VTel over the years and stand ready to further this partnership on your upcoming broadband initiative within your service areas. Embarking on this proposed broadband upgrade would not only promote sustainable development in your local communities in Vermont, it would allow Henkels & McCoy to create new employment opportunities in the region to support this proposal and ongoing outside plant maintenance and construction initiatives.

We look forward to working with you in the future. Please contact me with any questions or concerns at 717-266-5641.

Sincerely,

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John Donmoyer, Jr.
Vice President

March 26, 2010

The Honorable Larry Strickling
Assistant Secretary of Commerce
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

On behalf of New England Telehealth Consortium (NETC), I wish to express our commitment to the multi-statewide broadband proposal submitted by Vermont Telephone Co., Inc. to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA). Vermont Telephone Co., Inc. is seeking \$20 million to extend its 1,000 mile fiber network in New Hampshire and Vermont (another 300 miles in NY), to augment their 50 anchors to 250 anchors including every hospital in Vermont and hospitals in New Hampshire, with spokes to these hubs. NETC is impacted directly by a lack of available connectivity and by the high cost of connectivity due to insufficient supply and inadequate price competition in these states.

The bandwidth provided by Vermont Telephone Co., Inc. will enable NETC participants to meet many of the following needs.

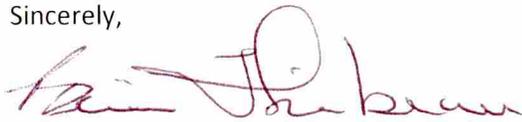
- Health care information is being converted and stored in electronic formats. Without affordable broadband, electronic patient information stored in a distant medical center cannot be shared with a patient's local doctor who has an urgent need for his/her patient's information.
- Health care software applications are expensive. Urban areas can afford robust electronic records and picture archiving systems. Rural areas need access to the information stored in those systems.
- Small, more rural health care institutions in Vermont and New Hampshire cannot afford the clinical expertise more urban areas can afford. Urban medical centers are willing to make that expertise available to distant clinics and health care institutions through the use of telemedicine, which requires affordable broadband.
- The benefits of telemedicine and remote diagnostics are not available to small clinics and hospitals without affordable broadband connectivity with adequate bandwidth.

The availability of an affordable high speed broadband network will enable NETC's participants to provide the same level and quality of service to the public as our more urban counterparts.

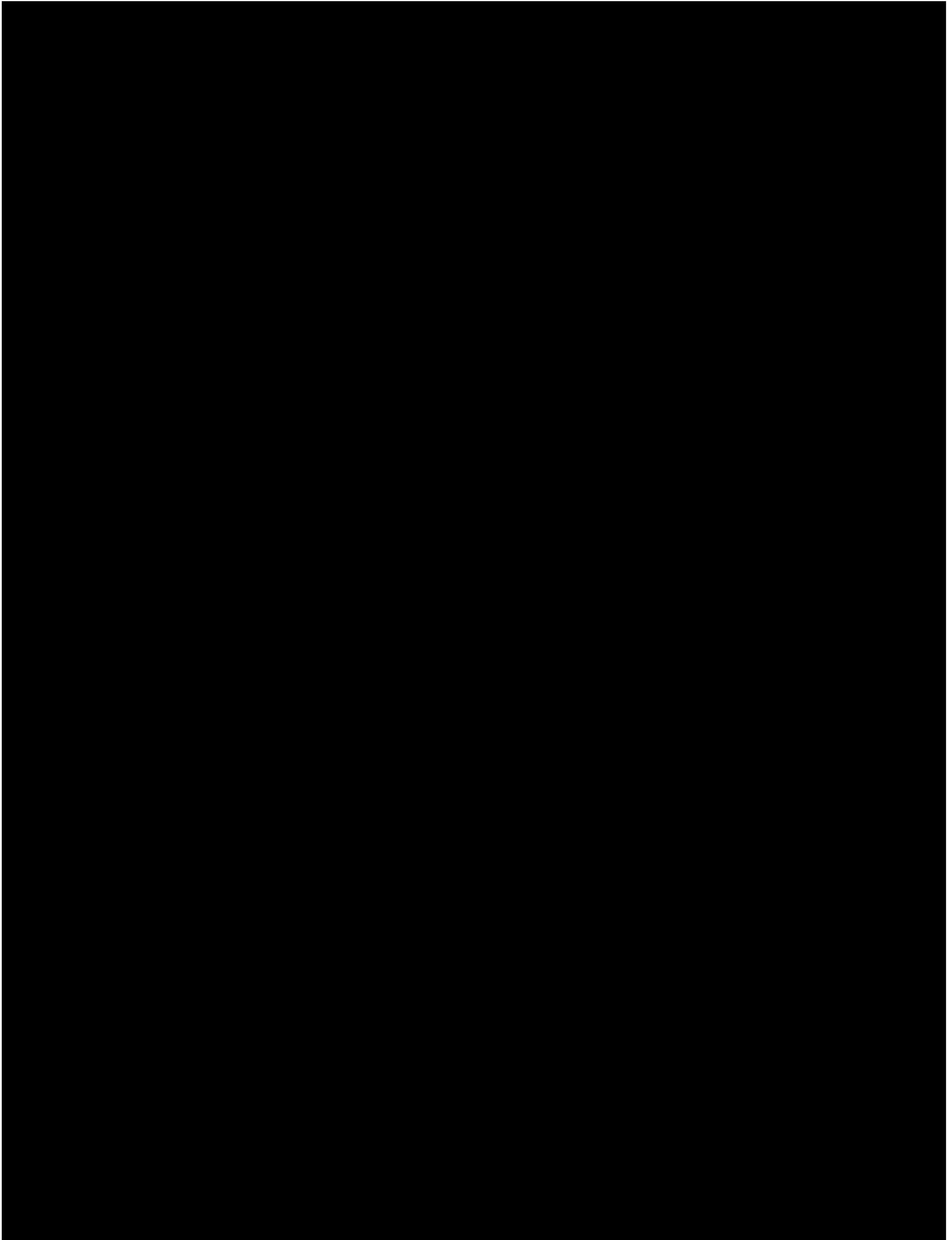
NETC is a non-profit organization consisting of a wide variety of experienced partners including research, academic, public, and private healthcare organizations dedicated to telehealth and telemedicine. The consortium primarily encompasses the three northern New England states of Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont.

NETC was formed for the purpose of designing and implementing a private broadband regional telehealth network to link regional health care providers with urban public practices, research institutions, academic institutions, and medical specialists to provide greater efficiency in the sharing of information relevant to healthcare applications, to allow healthcare providers in the region access to a common network for provision of electronic health records, remote medical diagnostics, telehealth, telemedicine, population health database, remote surgery, teledentistry, telepsychiatry and behavioral health treatment and to enable more than 400 NETC healthcare sites in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont to share information with more than 6000 public and non-profit healthcare providers nationwide. At the completion of the formal network design for the NETC network, NETC will issue public RFPs for the build of the network, as required by the Rural Health Care Pilot Program, which has funded NETC.

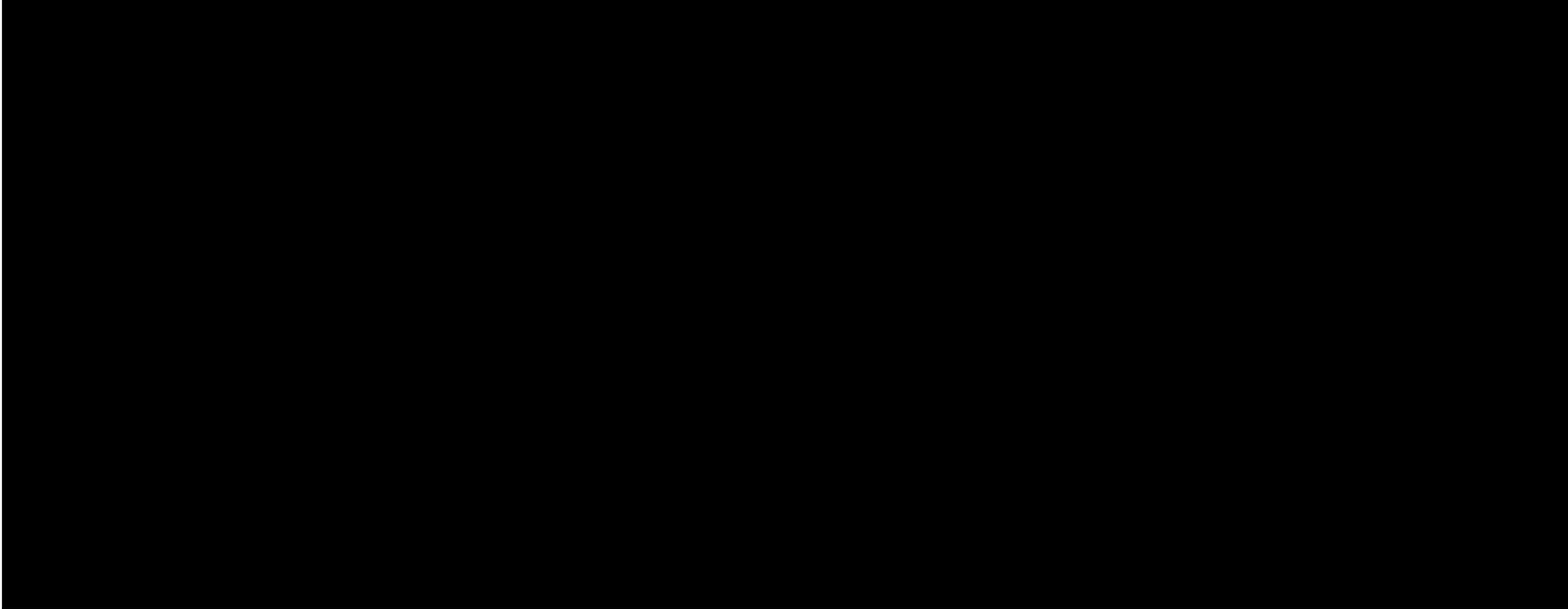
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Brian Thibeau
President, NETC



Name of Service Offering	Minimum Peak Load Network Bandwidth Capacity (Mbps)	Monthly/Yearly Pricing (\$)	Other Comments/Description/Features or Limitations
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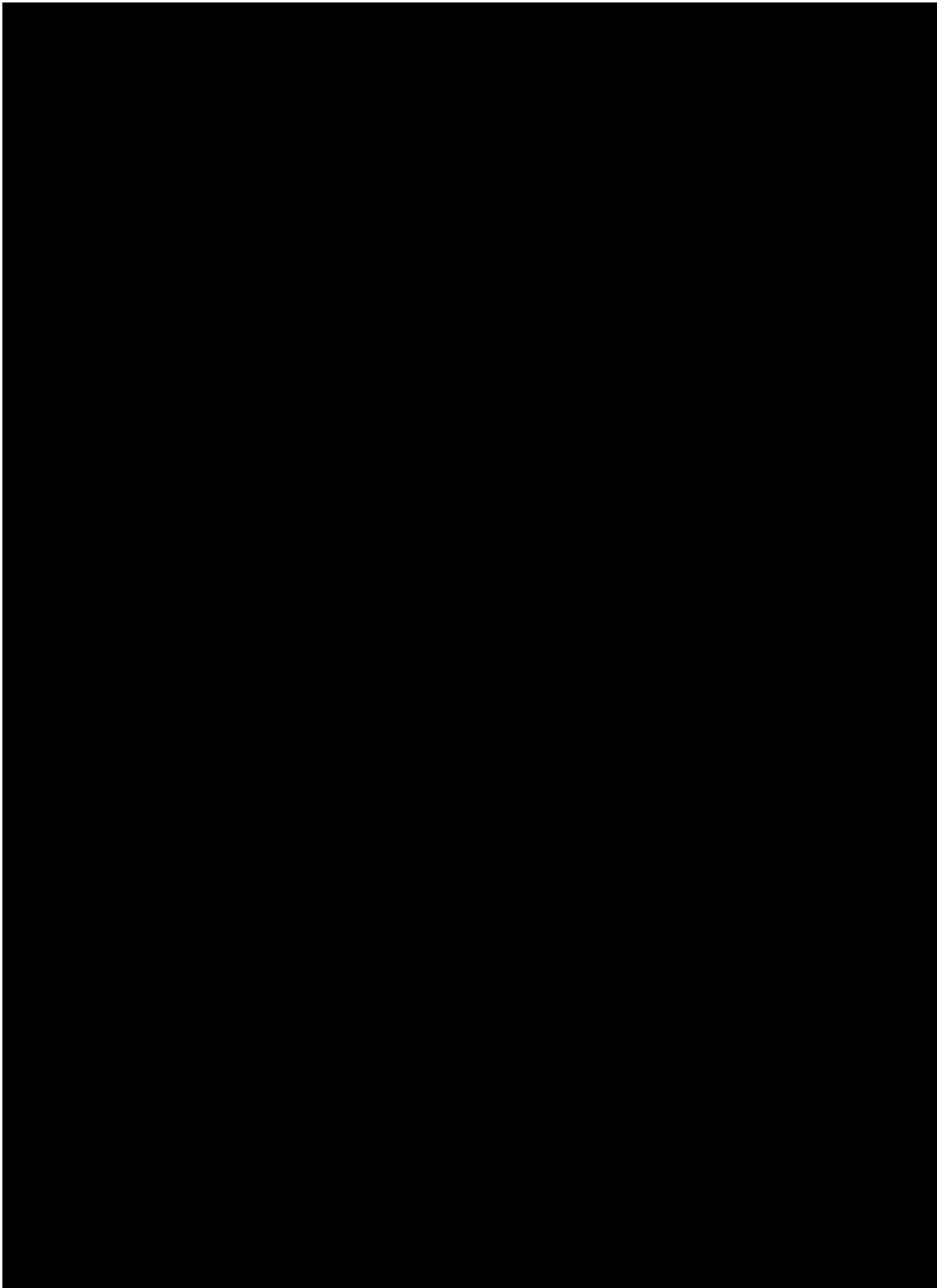
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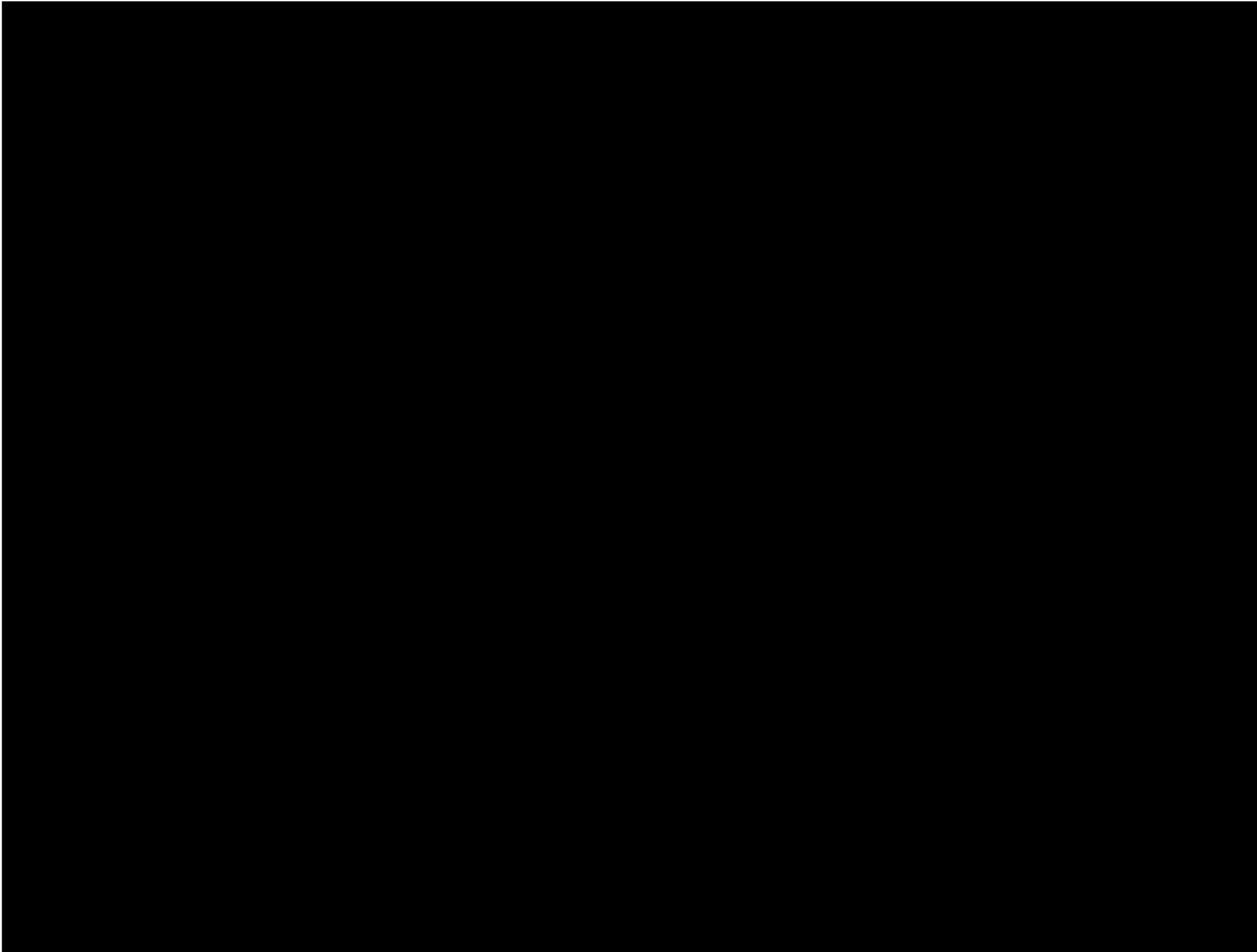
Competitor Data - Last Mile Service Providers

Service Provider	Service Areas Where Service Available	Technology Platform	Advertised Service Tiers	Downstream Speed	Monthly Pricing	Other Comments/Description/Features or Limitations
Comcast	Arlington, Athens, Baltimore, Barre, Bennington, Berlin, Bethel, Brandon, Brattleboro, Bridgewater, Burlington, Cabot, Castleton, Cavendish, Chester, Clarendon, Colchester, Coventry, Danby, Danville, Derby, Dorset, Dummerston, Duxbury, East Montpelier, Essex, Fair Haven, Georgia, Hardwick, Hartford, Hartland, Highgate, Hinesburg, Hyde Park, Ira, Jericho, Johnson, Leicester, Ludlow, Lyndon, Manchester, Marshfield, Mendon, Middlesex, Milton, Monkton, Montpelier, Moretown, Morristown, Mount Holly, Newport, Northfield, Norwich, Pawlet, Pittsford, Plainfield, Plymouth, Proctor, Putney, Randolph, Reading, Richmond, Rockingham, Royalton, Rutland, Shaftsbury, Shelburne, Shrewsbury, South Burlington, Springfield, Stowe, Swanton, Townshend, Troy, Tunbridge, Wallingford, Washington, Waterbury, Weathersfield, West Windsor, Westfield, Westminster, Williamstown, Williston, Windham, Woodstock	Cable Modem DOCSIS (Data Over Cable Service Interface Specification)	Economy	1Mbps	24.95	The listed Last-Mile service here is a "best-effort" service with fluctuating Internet bandwidth according to integrity of facilities and overall network usage. Bandwidth distribution between downstream and upstream speed is asymmetrical. "Best-effort" Internet services do not provide guaranteed bandwidth speeds, service uptime, or escalated priority for repair service. VTel's proposal provides dedicated, symmetric Internet bandwidth, with explicitly guaranteed bandwidth speed and service uptime, as well as escalated priority for prompt repair service.
			Performance	12Mbps	42.95	
			Blast	16Mbps	52.95	
Fairpoint Communications	Alburl, Andover, Arlington, Athens, Baltimore, Barre, Bennington, Berlin, Bethel, Bolton, Brandon, Brattleboro, Bridgewater, Burlington, Cabot, Castleton, Cavendish, Chester, Clarendon, Colchester, Coventry, Danby, Danville, Derby, Dorset, Dummerston, Duxbury, East Montpelier, Eden Essex, Fair Haven, Georgia, Grafton, Grand Isle, Hardwick, Hartford, Hartland, Highgate, Hinesburg, Hyde Park, Ira, Jericho, Johnson, Leicester, Lowell, Ludlow, Lyndon, Manchester, Marshfield, Mendon, Middlesex, Milton, Monkton, Montpelier, Moretown, Morristown, Mount Holly, Mount Tabor, New Haven, Newport, North Hero, Northfield, Norwich, Pawlet, Pittsford, Plainfield, Plymouth, Proctor, Putney, Randolph, Reading, Richmond, Rockingham, Royalton, Rupert, Rutland, Salisbury, Shaftsbury, Sharon, Shelburne, Shrewsbury, South Burlington, South Hero, Springfield, Stowe, Strafford, Sunderland, Swanton, Tinmouth, Townshend, Troy, Tunbridge, Walden, Wallingford, Washington, Waterbury, Weathersfield, West Windsor, Westfield, Westminster, Weybridge, Williamstown, Williston, Windham, Windsor, Woodstock	ADSL (Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line)	Starter	768kbps	23.99	The listed Last-Mile service here is a "best-effort" service with fluctuating Internet bandwidth according to integrity of facilities and overall network usage. Bandwidth distribution between downstream and upstream speed is asymmetrical. "Best-effort" Internet services do not provide guaranteed bandwidth speeds, service uptime, or escalated priority for repair service. VTel's proposal provides dedicated, symmetric Internet bandwidth, with explicitly guaranteed bandwidth speed and service uptime, as well as escalated priority for prompt repair service.
			Standard	3Mbps	39.99	
			Premium	7Mbps	47.99	
Burlington Telecom	Burlington	Passive Fiber Fiber-To-The-Home	3M/3M	3Mbps	39.00	The listed Last-Mile service here is a "best-effort" service with fluctuating Internet bandwidth according to integrity of facilities and overall network usage. "Best-effort" Internet services do not provide guaranteed bandwidth speeds, service uptime, or escalated priority for repair service. VTel's proposal provides dedicated, symmetric Internet bandwidth, with explicitly guaranteed bandwidth speed and service uptime, as well as escalated priority for prompt repair service.
			5M/5M	5Mbps	55.00	
			8M/8M	8Mbps	72.00	
Charter Communications	Plattsburgh	Cable Modem DOCSIS (Data Over Cable Service Interface Specification)	Lite	1Mbps	29.99	The listed Last-Mile service here is a "best-effort" service with fluctuating Internet bandwidth according to integrity of facilities and overall network usage. Bandwidth distribution between downstream and upstream speed is asymmetrical. "Best-effort" Internet services do not provide guaranteed bandwidth speeds, service uptime, or escalated priority for repair service. VTel's proposal provides dedicated, symmetric Internet bandwidth, with explicitly guaranteed bandwidth speed and service uptime, as well as escalated priority for prompt repair service.
			Express	8Mbps	49.99	
			Plus	16Mbps	59.99	
			Max	25Mbps	74.99	
			Ultra	60Mbps	119.99	
TDS Telecom	Baltimore, Berlin, Cavendish, Ludlow, Moretown, Northfield, Plymouth, Weathersfield	ADSL (Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line)	1.5Mb Broadband	1.5Mbps	39.95	The listed Last-Mile service here is a "best-effort" service with fluctuating Internet bandwidth according to integrity of facilities and overall network usage. Bandwidth distribution between downstream and upstream speed is asymmetrical. "Best-effort" Internet services do not provide guaranteed bandwidth speeds, service uptime, or escalated priority for repair service. VTel's proposal provides dedicated, symmetric Internet bandwidth, with explicitly guaranteed bandwidth speed and service uptime, as well as escalated priority for prompt repair service.
			4Mb Broadband	4Mbps	49.95	
			10Mb Broadband	10Mbps	59.95	

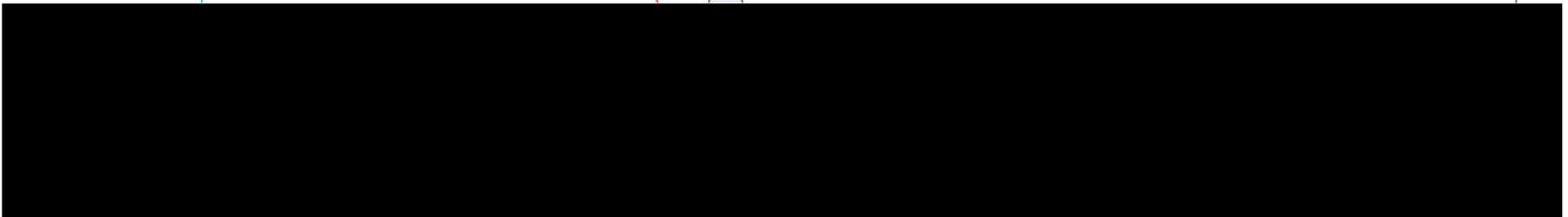
Competitor Data - Middle Mile Service Providers

Service Provider	Service Areas Where Service Available	Technology Platform	Advertised Service Tiers	Distance Band or Point-to-Point	Minimum Peak Load Network Bandwidth Capacity	Pricing	Other Comments/Description/Features or Limitations
N/A	Middle Mile Services in the region are not advertised by Service Providers according to Distance Bands or fixed Point-to-Point pricing. Middle Mile Service projects within the associated Service Areas are reviewed on an Individual Case Basis, and unique quotes are produced for each project, depending on factors of proximity to current network, level of network resources, physical distance of project, etc. The Individual Case Basis for Middle Mile Service projects in the proposed funded area returns the focus to Last Mile Services that would compete with VTel's middle-mile CCI project to connect anchor institutions.						

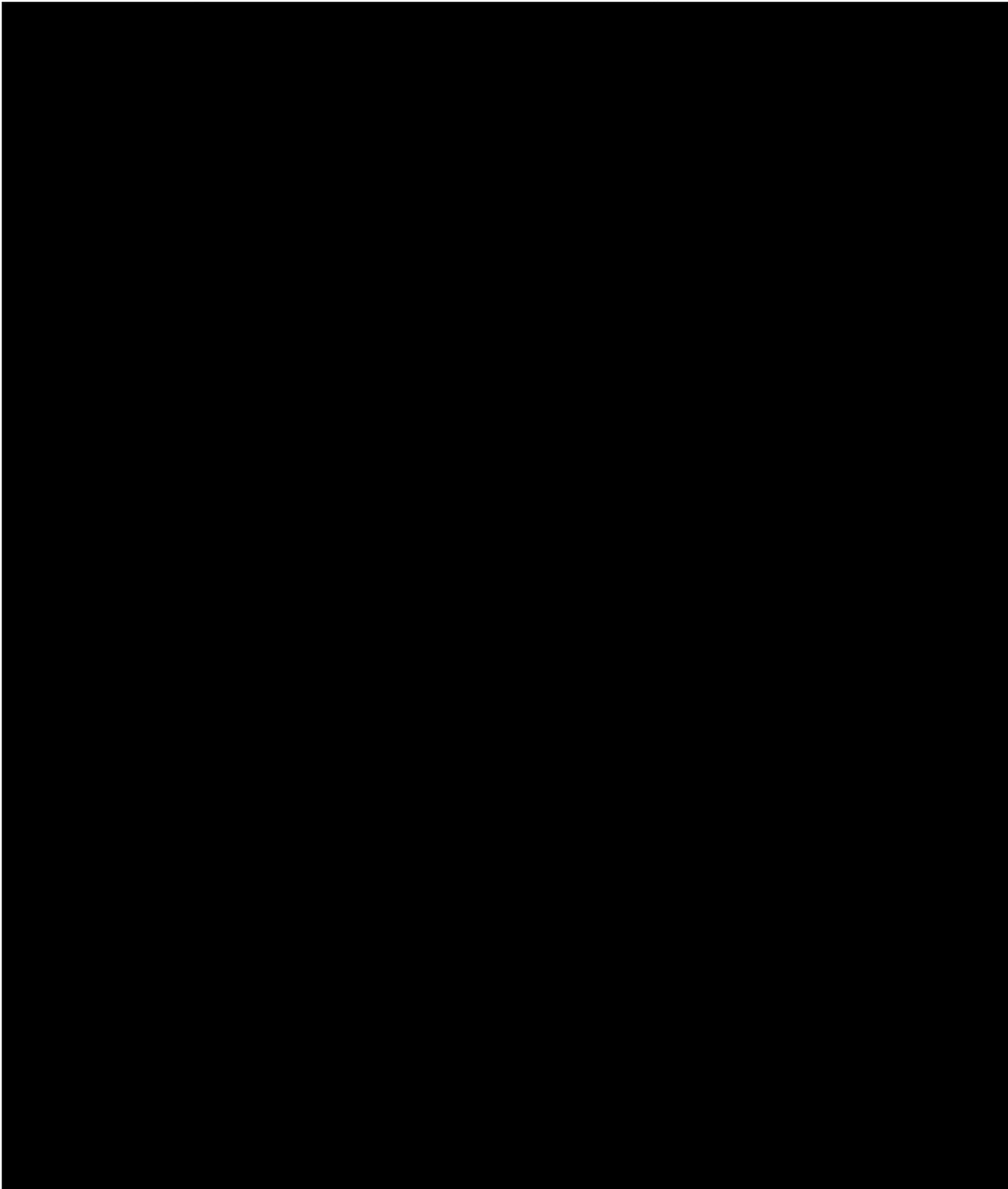




Network Diagram
VT BELL Network
Proposed and Existing Network

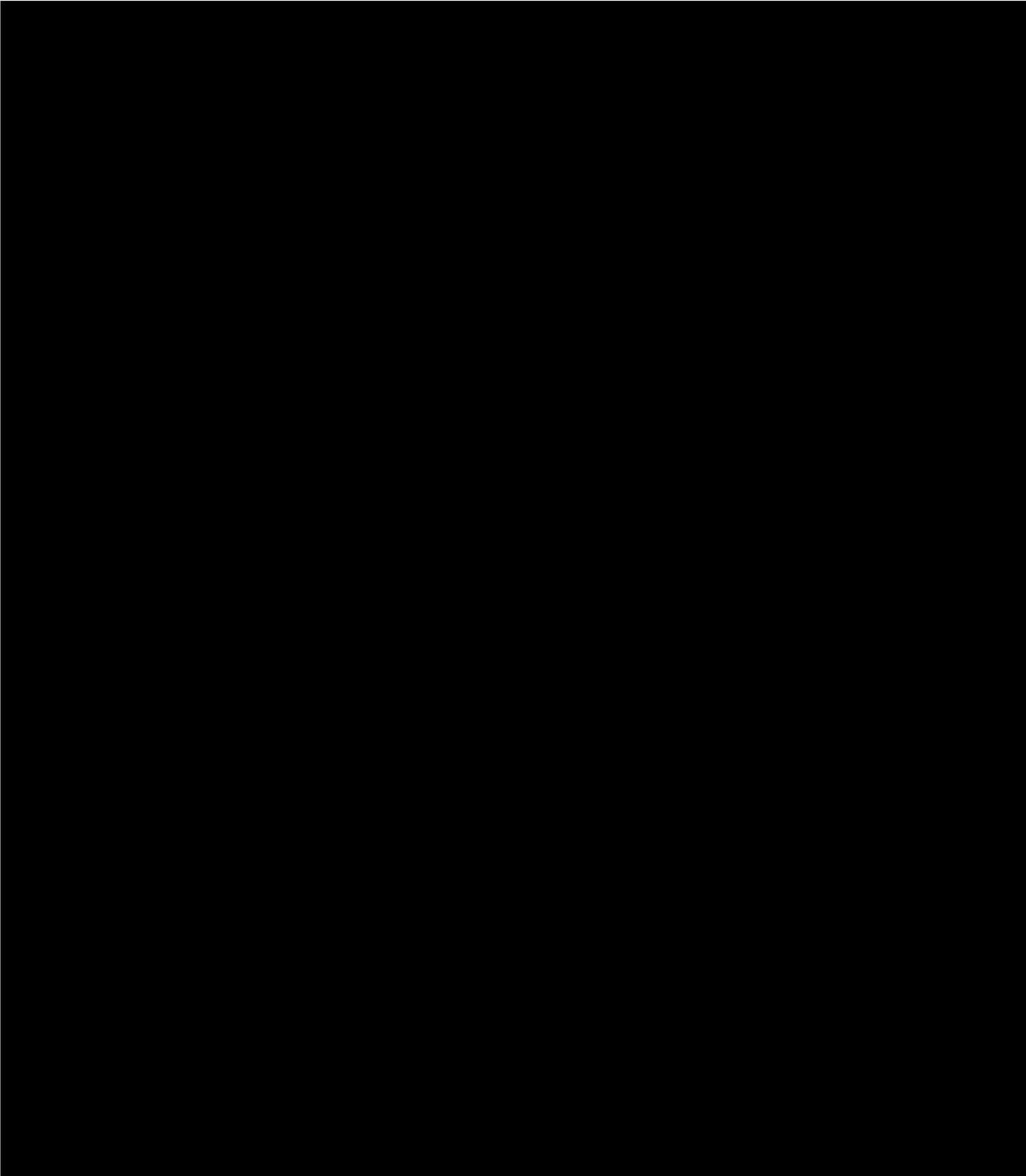


Vermont Telephone's Broadband Educational Learning Link (VT BELL)



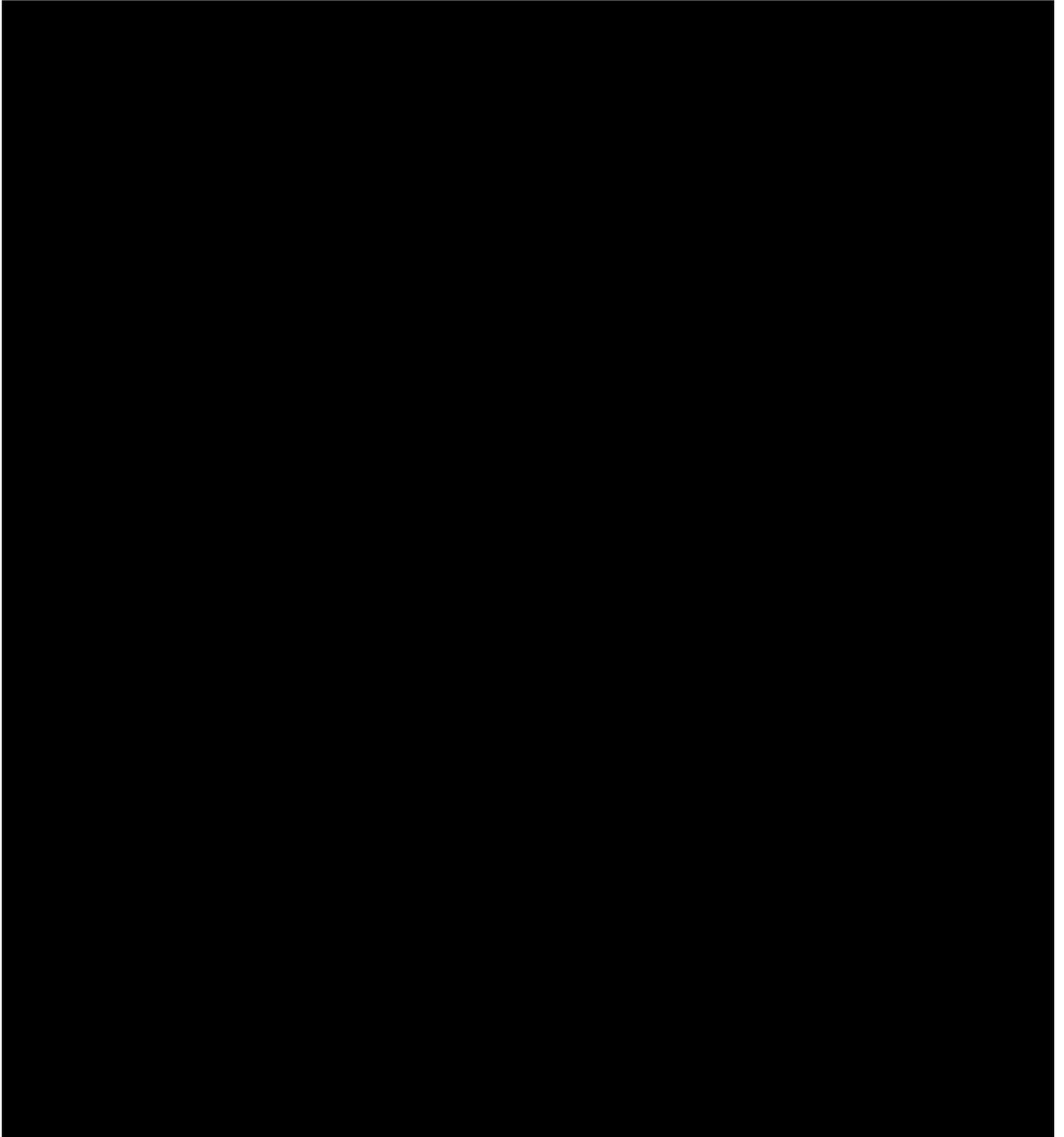
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Please refer to the CCI Grant Guidelines for instructions on completing this form.

Applicant Profile	
Applicant Name	Vermont Telephone Company, Inc
Title	Vermont Broadband Enhanced Learning Link, (VT BELL)
Easygrants ID	7508
Headquarters	354 River St, Springfield, VT 05156
Size (2009 Data) of Applicant Entity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current Year Revenues: \$26,396,965 Employees: 56
Technology Type	Middle Mile – Aerial Fiber
Key Partners	CBN Connect

Project Economics			
Budget Information		Project Financials	
Project Budget	\$19,620,800	Project Revenues (Yr 8)	\$2,946,439
Federal Contribution (%)	70%	Net Income and Margin (Yr 8)	\$414,761
Cash Match Amount (%)	30%	EBITDA and Margin (Yr 8)	\$1,443,802
In Kind Match Amount (%)	0%	Rate of Return (w/o BTOP Funds)	9.01%
Middle Mile/Last Mile Budget Allocation		Rate of Return (w/ BTOP Funds)	Negative RoR
Middle Mile Percentage (%)	100%	Cost Efficiency	
Last Mile Percentage (%)	0%	Cost per Mile (MM)	\$56,381.61
Rural Last Mile Percentage	0%	Cost per Household (LM)	N/A

Market Territory	
Geographic Area(s)	Clinton County, NY and Vermont
Middle Mile Network Composition	
Total Proposed Network Miles (MM only)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ██████████ ██████████ ██████████
New Construction Network Miles (MM only)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ██████████ ██████████ ██████████
Existing Applicant Network Miles Utilized (MM only)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ██████████ ██████████ ██████████
Leased Network Miles Utilized (MM only)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ██████████ ██████████ ██████████
Underserved/Unserved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ██ ██
Existing Customer Base	
Existing Residential/Individual Customers within PFSA	0

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Existing Business Customers within PFSA	0
Existing Community Anchor Institution Customers within PFSA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [REDACTED] • [REDACTED] • [REDACTED]
Existing Third Party Service Provider Customers within PFSA	
Potential Customer Base	
Market Potential Households (within PFSA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total HH's: 64,124 • Located in Underserved/Unserved Areas: 4,489
Market Potential Businesses (within PFSA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total Businesses: 13,760 • Located in Underserved/Unserved Areas: 963
Market Potential Community Anchor Institutions (within PFSA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total CAI's: 2,641 • Located in Underserved/Unserved Areas: 185 • Community Colleges: 14 • Public Safety Entities: 125
Market Potential Third Party Service Providers (within PFSA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total Third Party Service Providers in PFSA: 11 • Expressing Commitment or Letter of Interest: 3
Funded Network Coverage	
Households Connected to Network (via BTOP Funds by end of Year 3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [REDACTED] • [REDACTED]
Businesses Connected to Network (via BTOP Funds by end of Year 3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [REDACTED] • [REDACTED]
Community Anchor Institutions Directly Connected (via BTOP Funds by end of Year 3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [REDACTED] • [REDACTED] • [REDACTED] • [REDACTED]
Projected Subscribers by Year Five	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [REDACTED]

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Other	
Proposed MM Network Capacity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [REDACTED] • [REDACTED]
Proposed LM Network Speed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [REDACTED] • [REDACTED]
Total Points of Interconnection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [REDACTED] • [REDACTED] • [REDACTED]
Jobs Created	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct Job-years: 72 • Indirect Job-years: 69 • Induced Job-years: 677
Required Time for Project Completion (Number of Required Quarters to Fully Build-out and Test Network and Make Ready for Commercial Service)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [REDACTED]

BTOP Comprehensive Community Infrastructure Community Anchor Institution and Network Points of Interest Detail Template

Please complete the Anchor Institution Details worksheet by providing information on Community Anchor Institutions that will be directly connected by the proposed network as necessary. All Community Anchor Institutions should be given a type from the specification. A Community Anchor Institution is considered a minority-serving institution if it is a post-secondary educational institution with enrollment of minority students exceeding 50% of its total enrollment. The "Project Role" column only requires a word or two, or a short phrase, not a detailed explanation of the role of project partners and community anchor institutions provided in the essay portions of the application.

Please complete the Points of Interest worksheet by providing information on all points of interest (passive, non-environmentally controlled points of interconnection, cell tower points, may be excluded), collocation facilities, central offices, head ends, and other central office facilities, network access points to last mile service providers, Internet peering points, etc. For each point of interest you may provide either a street address or geocoordinates (lat/long). You must provide detail on what the point of interest is, whether it is already existing or will be created by the proposed project. Where more than one facility type applies, select the most appropriate facility type. For example, if a central office houses a point of interconnection, select central office as the facility type, or if a cell site is located on a tower, select tower as the facility type. Interconnection Available at the Facility field should be Yes if interconnection to the proposed network is available at that location, otherwise No. The brief description field is optional and can be used to convey a better understanding of what the facility is. You may use the space at the bottom of the table to provide additional notes, if desired.

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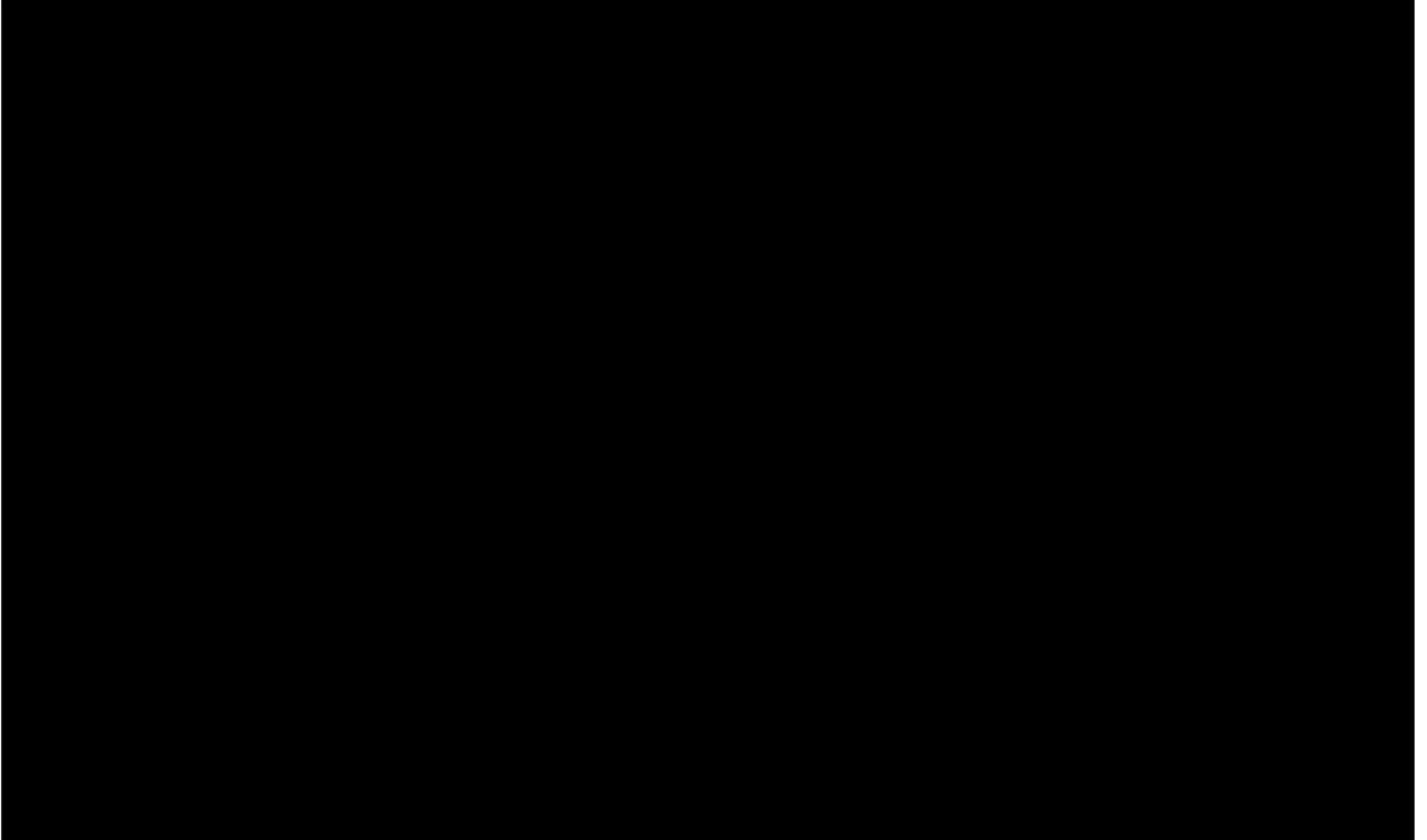
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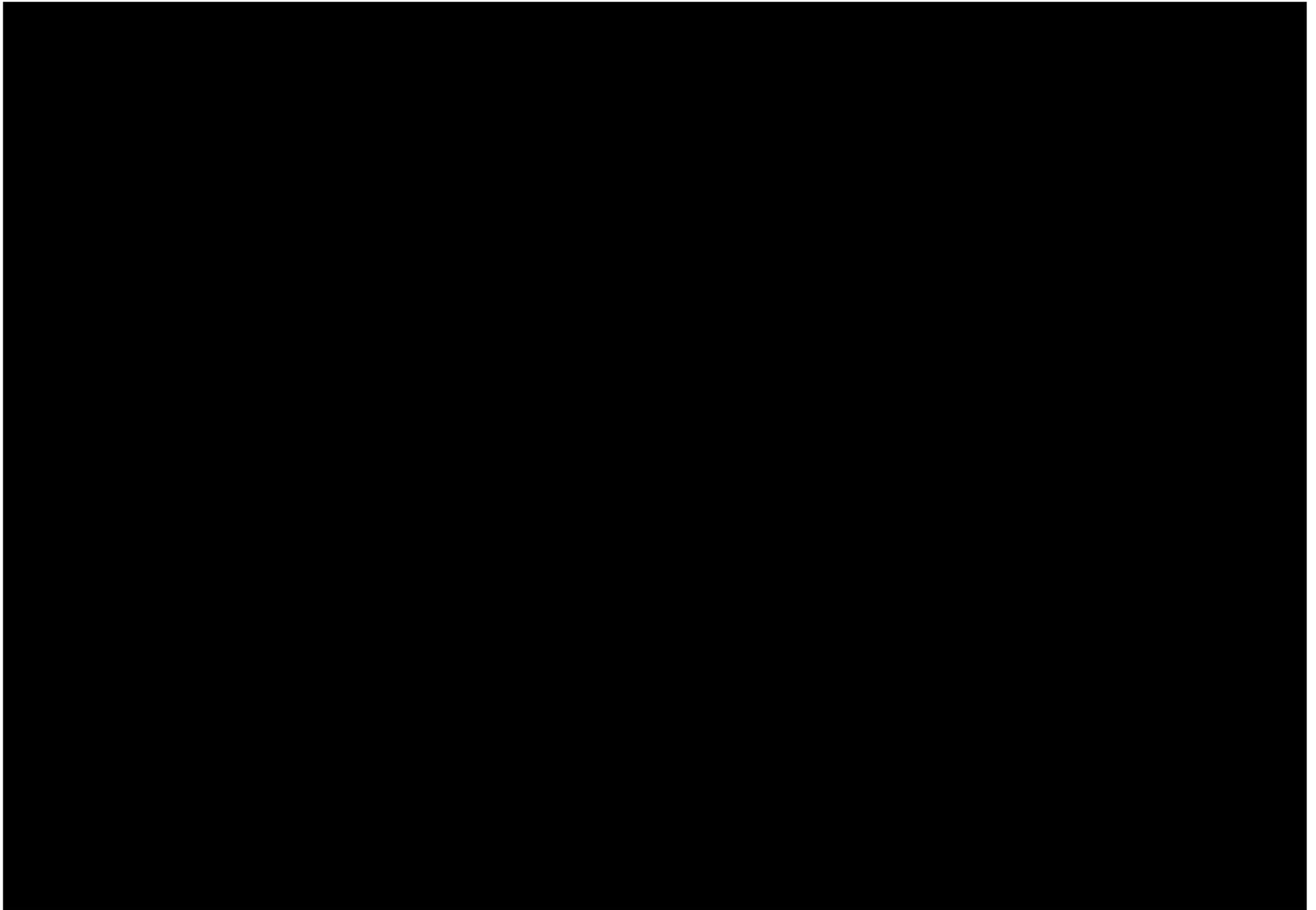
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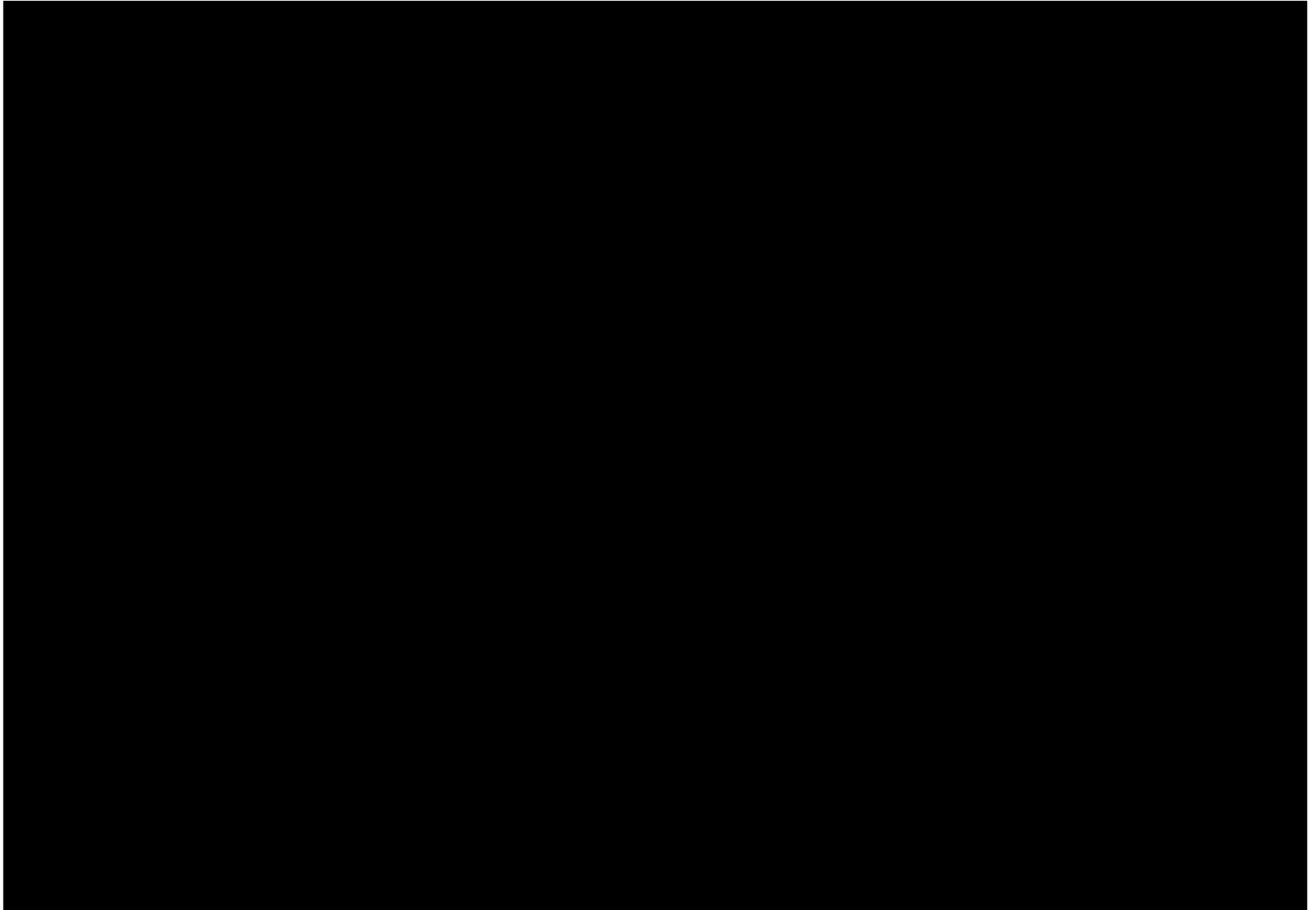
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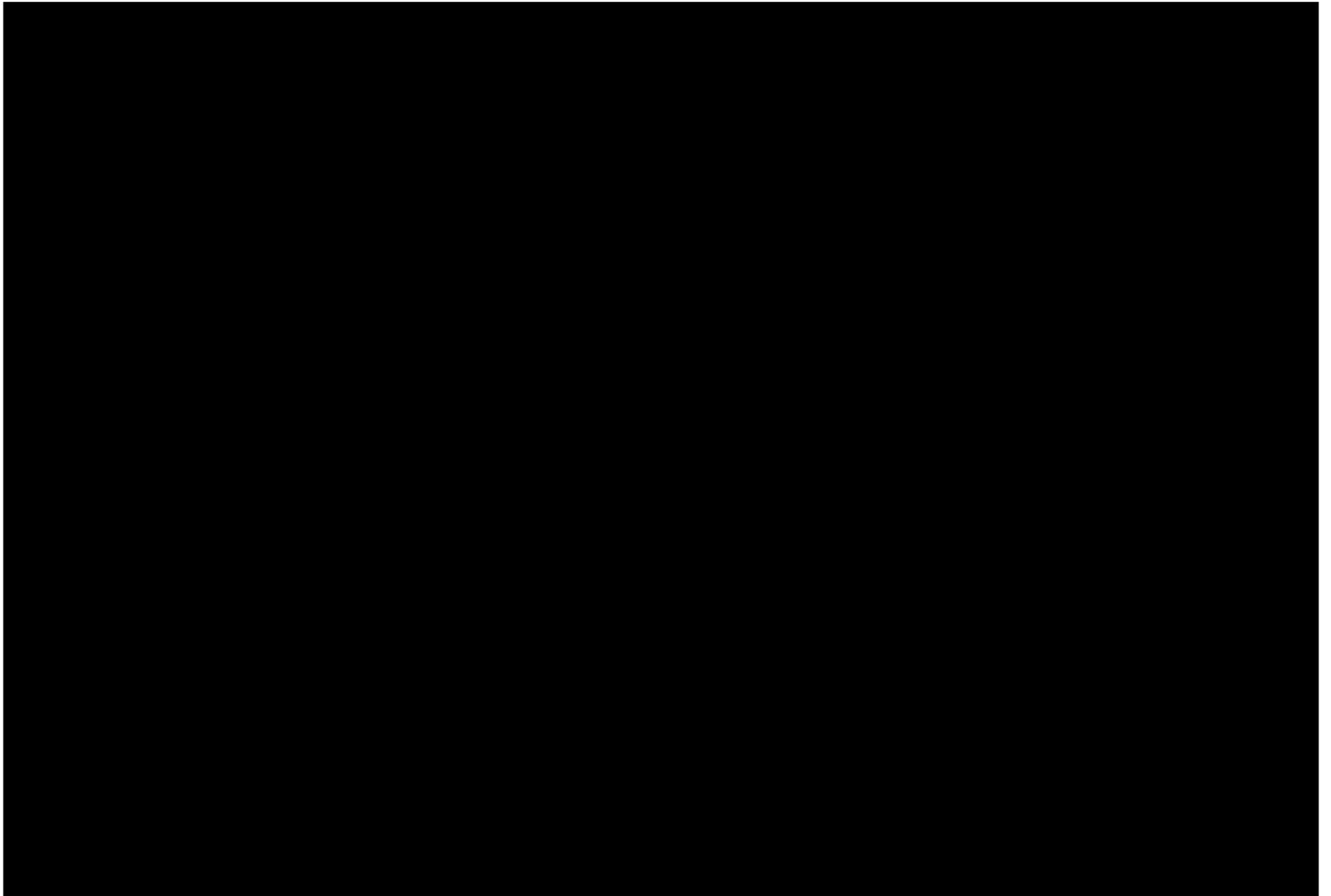
Income Statement



Balance Sheet



Statement of Cash Flows



NPV/IRR Table



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CERTIFICATIONS REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION-LOWER TIER COVERED TRANSACTIONS AND LOBBYING

Applicants should refer to the regulations cited below to determine the certification to which they are required to attest. Applicants should also review the instructions for certification included in the regulations before completing this form. Signature on this form provides for compliance with certification requirements under 15 CFR Part 26, "Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement)" and 15 CFR Part 28, "New Restrictions on Lobbying."

1. DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION-LOWER TIER COVERED TRANSACTIONS

As required by Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, and implemented at 15 CFR Part 26, Section 26.510, Participants responsibilities, for prospective participants in lower tier covered transactions (except subcontracts for goods or services under the \$25,000 small purchase threshold unless the subtier recipient will have a critical influence on or substantive control over the award), as defined at 15 CFR Part 26, Sections 26.105 and 26.110 -

(1) The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.

(2) Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

2. LOBBYING

As required by Section 1352, Title 31 of the U.S. Code, and implemented at 15 CFR Part 28, for persons entering into a grant, cooperative agreement or contract over \$100,000 or a loan or loan guarantee over \$150,000 as defined at 15 CFR Part 28, Sections 28.105 and 28.110, the applicant certifies that to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

(1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

(2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

(3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Statement for loan Guarantees and Loan Insurance

The undersigned states, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

If any funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this commitment providing for the United States to insure or guarantee a loan, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

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As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I hereby certify that the applicant will comply with the above applicable certification(s).

NAME OF APPLICANT

Vermont Telephone Company, Inc.

AWARD NUMBER AND/OR PROJECT NAME

EGID: 7508- Vermont Broadband Enhanced Learning Link

PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

J. Michel Guité, President

SIGNATURE



DATE

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Vermont Telephone Company, Inc.

* AWARD NUMBER

EGID: 7508

* PROJECT NAME

Vermont Broadband Enhanced Learning Link (VT BELL)

Prefix:

* First Name:

Middle Name:

J. Michel

* Last Name:

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* Title: President

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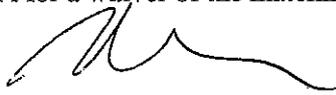
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Broadband Technology Opportunities Program
Authentication and Certifications**

1. I certify that I am the duly Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) of the applicant organization, and that I have been authorized to submit the attached application on its behalf.
2. I certify that I have examined this application, that all of the information and responses in this application, including certifications, and forms submitted, all of which are part of this grant application, are material representations of fact and true and correct to the best of my knowledge, that the entity(ies) that is requesting grant funding pursuant to this application and any subgrantees and subcontractors will comply with the terms, conditions, purposes, and federal requirements of the grant program; that no kickbacks were paid to anyone; and that a false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims on this application are grounds for denial or termination of a grant award, and/or possible punishment by a fine or imprisonment as provided in 18 U.S.C. §1001 and civil violations of the False Claims Act.
3. I certify that the entity(ies) I represent have and will comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, codes, orders and programmatic rules and requirements relating to the project. I acknowledge that failure to do so may result in rejection or deobligation of the grant or loan award. I acknowledge that failure to comply with all federal and program rules could result in civil or criminal prosecution by the appropriate law enforcement authorities.
4. I certify that the entity(ies) I represent has and will comply with all applicable administrative and federal statutory, regulatory, and policy requirements set forth in the Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements ("DOC Pre-Award Notification"), published in the Federal Register on February 11, 2008 (73 FR 7696), as amended; DOC Financial Assistance Standard Terms and Conditions (Mar. 8, 2009); the Department of Commerce American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Award Terms (Apr. 9, 2009); and any Special Award Terms and Conditions that are included by the Grants Officer in the award.
5. I certify that any funds awarded to the entity(ies) I represent as a result of this application will not result in any unjust enrichment of such entity(ies) or duplicate any funds such entity(ies) receive under federal universal service support programs administered by the Universal Service Administrative Corporation (USAC).
6. I certify that the entity(ies) I represent has secured access to pay the 20% of total project cost or has petitioned the Assistant Secretary of NTIA for a waiver of the matching requirement.

03/11/10
Date


Authorized Organization Representative Signature

Michel Guité
Print Name

President
Title

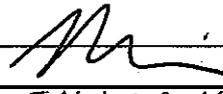
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<p>4. Name and Address of Reporting Entity:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prime <input type="checkbox"/> Subawardee Tier _____, if known:</p> <p>Vermont Telephone Company, Inc. 354 River Street Springfield, VT 05156 Congressional District, if known: 4c</p>	<p>5. If Reporting Entity in No. 4 is a Subawardee, Enter Name and Address of Prime:</p> <p>Congressional District, if known:</p>	
<p>6. Federal Department/Agency:</p> <p>NTIA/Department of Commerce</p>	<p>7. Federal Program Name/Description:</p> <p>Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) CFDA Number, if applicable: 11.557</p>	
<p>8. Federal Action Number, if known:</p> <p>BTOP: EGID-7508</p>	<p>9. Award Amount, if known:</p> <p>\$ N/A (Pre-Award)</p>	
<p>10. a. Name and Address of Lobbying Registrant (if individual, last name, first name, MI):</p> <p>Vermont Telephone Co., Inc., uses no lobbyists, or we never have.</p>	<p>b. Individuals Performing Services (including address if different from No. 10a) (last name, first name, MI):</p> <p>Vermont Telephone Co., Inc., uses no lobbyists, or we never have.</p>	
<p>11. Information requested through this form is authorized by title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. This disclosure of lobbying activities is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed by the tier above when this transaction was made or entered into. This disclosure is required pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352. This information will be available for public inspection. Any person who fails to file the required disclosure shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.</p>	<p>Signature: </p> <p>Print Name: J. Michel Guité</p> <p>Title: President</p> <p>Telephone No.: (802) 885-7000 Date: 8/12/10</p>	
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