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Ms. Kate Giard  
Program Administrator  
Rural Alaska Broadband Internet Access Grant Program  
Regulatory Commission of Alaska  
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RE: United Utilities, Inc. Request for Supplementary Broadband Internet Access Grant Funds

Dear Ms. Giard,

Bethel Broadcasting, Inc. is a public broadcasting company located in Bethel, Alaska and provides news, information and entertainment to the residents of the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta. We operate KYUK radio, 640 AM, and TV channels 15 and 21. KYUK radio is the regional Emergency Broadcast System local primary and a member of the local community emergency response team. The station has been on the air since 1973.

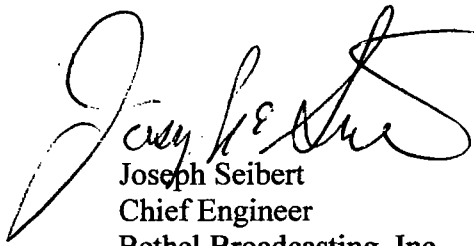
The intent of this letter is to voice my support for UUI's supplementary Broadband Internet Access Grant Funds request. Bethel Broadcasting is very familiar with UUI's grant request and fully supports the goals of this grant. UUI and Bethel Broadcasting have cooperated on several projects over the years to improve communications to residents of the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta and have a proven track record of success.

UUI's DeltaNet project will enable a direct high capacity communications highway that will improve communications and the quality of life for all Yukon-Kuskokwim residents. The DeltaNet project will not only provide improved Internet capacity, but will be instrumental in providing telemedicine services and distance learning.

Currently area residents must rely on satellite based alternatives. These satellite operations are hampered by sun spot outages and latency of the delivered signal. Terrestrial communications such as offered by DeltaNet would provide more reliable and efficient communications.

Bethel Broadcasting, inc. requests that you approve UUI's supplementary request so that this essential project can move forward to completion.

Sincerely,



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