



YUKON-KUSKOKWIM HEALTH CORPORATION

"Fostering Native Self-Determination in Primary Care, Prevention and Health Promotion."

October 20, 2004

Ms. Kate Giard
Program Administrator, Rural Alaska Broadband Internet Access Grant Program
Regulatory Commission of Alaska
701 West Eight Avenue, Suite 300
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Re: United Utilities, Inc. (UUI) Request for Supplementary Broadband Internet Access Grant Funds

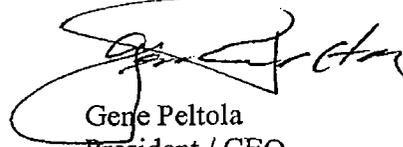
Dear Ms. Giard:

The Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation (YKHC) provides essential health care services to communities throughout the Yukon Kuskokwim delta. YKHC has health clinics and other medical support facilities in forty seven (47) communities that are supported by YKHC's hospital and staff in Bethel. Communications between our remote communities and our Bethel staff is essential to the effective delivery of basic and advanced health care services.

The purpose of this correspondence is to voice support for UUI's Supplementary Broadband Internet Access Grant Funds request. YKHC understands that UUI has been awarded a Broadband Internet Access Grant to provide Internet access service to eleven (11) of the communities also served by YKHC. UUI's plans to use grant funds to construct towers to provide the infrastructure needed for an advanced state of the art terrestrial communications network (DeltaNet). DeltaNet will enable a direct high capacity communications highway that, in addition to Internet, can be used by YKHC to deliver telemedicine, distance learning, and for administrative support. YKHC currently receives terrestrial and satellite based services. We have found services delivered terrestrially are more reliable and that the latency imposed by a satellite orbiting the earth is significantly reduced. YKHC, today, has no other alternative other than to use the lesser quality satellite based delivery systems to support its operations in the broadband grant communities.

YKHC requests that you approve UUI's supplementary request so that this much needed project can move forward.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gene Peltola", is written over a circular stamp or seal.

Gene Peltola
President / CEO

Cc: Senator Ted Stevens
Governor Frank Murkowski
Edgar Blatchford
Bill Allen, USDA