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Kate Giard
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Rural Alaska Broadband Internet Access Grant Program
Regulatory Commission of Alaska
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Re: United Utilities, Inc. (UUI) Request for Supplementary
Broadband Grant Funds

Dear Ms. Giard:

Calista Corporation is the second largest of the 13 regional corporations formed under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) in 1971. The Calista region covers an area over 56,000 square miles with a population exceeding 20,000 living in 49 separate communities. Calista Corporation is a business corporation formed under state and federal laws, including the settlement act and its amendments. Calista's land entitlement is approximately 6.5 million acres in Southwestern Alaska including acreage in the Yukon Kuskokwim delta. Most of Calista's shareholders reside in the Yukon Kuskokwim (YK) delta. Calista also has significant mining and other business interests in the YK delta.

The purpose of this correspondence is to express support for UUI's Supplementary Broadband Grant Funding request. UUI plans on using the requested funds to help construct a terrestrial communications network that will create a communications highway between eleven YK delta villages, Bethel, and the world. It is our understanding that warm permafrost was discovered at several tower sites. Positioning towers in warm permafrost (the result of global warming), has increased the project's costs.

The broadband grant communities are the first Phase of a region wide terrestrial network referred to as "DeltaNet". DeltaNet will support broadband Internet, telemedicine, distance learning, cellular and other telecommunications services with a robust and reliable infrastructure that does not depend on a satellite orbiting the earth. DeltaNet represents a significant improvement in the communications capabilities for Calista and many of Calista's shareholders.

Calista Corporation respectfully requests that you approve UUI's supplementary funding request.

Sincerely yours,
Calista Corporation

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew Nicolai", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Matthew Nicolai
President/CEO

Cc: United Utilities, Inc.