



# LOWER YUKON SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Superintendent

December 17, 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 Lower Yukon School District (LYSD) provides essential educational services to communities throughout the Lower Yukon School District delta. LYSD has eleven (11) schools. Communications between our remote communities and our LYSD staff is essential to the effective delivery of basic and advanced educational services.

The purpose of this correspondence is to voice support for UUI's Supplementary Broadband Internet Access Grant Funds request. LYSD 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 LYSD. 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 LYSD to deliver distance learning and for administrative support. LYSD 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. LYSD, 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. LYSD requests that you approve UUI's supplementary request so that this much needed project can move forward.

Sincerely yours,

Bob Robertson  
Superintendent

cc: John Lamont  
Karen Goodwin

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