

Wisconsin PSC,

We are writing this letter on behalf of Richland County in support of La Valle Telephone Cooperative's application to provide fiber broadband access to residents in Richland County. This is an area in desperate need of access to a fast and reliable broadband service as we currently do not have a provider that can do so in the proposed project area.

Broadband is crucial to the economic stability and viability of this area now and in the future. La Valle has already invested substantial amounts in Richland County to bring broadband coverage to unserved areas. This grant will bring them one step closer to their ultimate goal of providing fiber broadband access to 100% of the County. Richland County whole-heartedly stands behind this project and hopes the commission sees the value both parties bring to this proposed project.

Sincerely,

Richland County Board – Clinton Langreck, County Administrator