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Upper Valley Fiber Initiative
C/O Valley Net
58 North Main Street
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Re: Google Application

Dear Colleagues:

WCNH is a group of eight communities in rural New Hampshire working collaboratively to develop a regional fiber-to-the-premise network. We believe a high performance service-oriented fiber network will give the region's businesses, residents, schools, local governments, public safety organizations, and health care facilities the ability to compete in the global knowledge economy.

WCNH supports the application by ValleyNet -- on behalf of the Upper Valley of Vermont and New Hampshire -- to Google's Request for Information for its "Think Big with a Gig" network.

The addition of the eight New Hampshire Upper Valley towns to the 23 Vermont ECFiber towns completes what is essentially a broad regional economic zone centered on the region's largest employers: Dartmouth College, the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center. In addition to the numerous opportunities within the Vermont and New Hampshire territories, the inclusion of Dartmouth and DHMC should provide substantial additional opportunities to invent and refine numerous high-speed broadband applications in the areas of education and health care. These applications will also be useful in the southern New Hampshire part of our region, which hosts New London Hospital and Colby-Sawyer College.

The eight partner communities of WCNH -- Orford, Lyme, Hanover, Enfield, Springfield, New London, Sunapee, and Newbury -- are committed to making a comprehensive fiber network a reality and fully support ValleyNet's efforts.

Respectfully

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Chair, WCNH
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