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March 23, 2010

Re: Letter of Support for ValleyNet's Upper Valley Fiber Initiative and its application to Google's "Fiber to the Home" project

To whom it may concern:

Lyme Properties has been tracking the issue of very high speed connectivity for the past eighteen months. A lack of universally available high speed internet puts our employees, our business and our commercial tenants at a significant disadvantage relative to better served areas. A common challenge in our area is providing reliable fast internet at employee's residences, mine included. This eliminates the opportunity for employees to work from home, resulting in lower productivity and increasing the carbon footprint we are all trying hard to minimize. Our commercial buildings also suffer from inadequate and unreliable internet service which makes it difficult to fill the needs of growing businesses.

Lyme Properties supports ValleyNet's Upper Valley Fiber Initiative and its application to Google's "Fiber to the Home" project. EC Fiber has developed a creative and effective way to provide fiber optic service to the end of every driveway despite our distributed housing settlement pattern. It has worked successfully with 23 Vermont municipalities and their residents to build a viable business plan that will provide "triple play" service at competitive prices. In New Hampshire, the West Central NH initiative (WCNH) has similar goals. By combining these efforts, we believe a FTTH covering the entire Upper Valley could be facilitated, with dramatic results.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Clem".

David Clem
Managing Director