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Ms. Cynthia Walker
Director, Communications Division
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue
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Dear Ms. Walker:

The Lassen County Board of Supervisors strongly supports Plumas-Sierra Telecommunications applying for California Advanced Services Funds (CASF) to provide last-mile broadband services to Californians in Lassen County. CASF funding is critical to PST being able to offer quality, last-mile broadband service to our rural region.

PST has been a local leader in providing telecommunications services in rural California communities since 1987. Access to high-speed Internet is no longer a luxury; it is essential to our economy and community. The deployment of broadband technology to our rural communities is beneficial and important for many reasons. It will help us to implement our local comprehensive economic development strategies for retaining and expanding our local economy, supporting jobs, educational opportunities, healthcare, and connecting other community needs in rural-California to the internet.

We request that the Public Utilities Commission approve Plumas-Sierra Telecommunication's application for CASF funds to expand broadband Internet infrastructure and close the digital divide for Californians living and working in our rural communities.

Sincerely,

JEFF HEMPHILL, Chairman
Lassen County Board of Supervisors

CC: Assemblyman Brian Dahle