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Buggs Island Telephone Cooperative

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Mr. Michael W. Johnson
County Administrator
Southampton County
P.O. Box 400
Courtland, VA 23837-0400

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Thank you again for writing the "letter of support" that we included in our application for federal stimulus loans/grants for rural broadband! I truly appreciate your having done this for us! Our application was submitted on time and is a strong application.

After some delays by both RUS and NTIA in processing the 2200 applications, we are now being told that the finalists list for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 monies will be revealed on Monday, November 30, 2009. I will let you know if we are named a finalist.

The Buggs Island Telephone Cooperative is committed to bringing broadband and voice services to the entire fifteen county licensed area we have proposed to serve, and if we are able to receive these federal stimulus monies, we will be able to build out the entire service area in less than twenty-four months. If we are not a finalist, we will build out the area with our own funds and capital.

If you or the Board of Supervisors would like me to make a brief presentation on the project, the technology, and the specifics of our business plan in early 2010, please let me know and I would be glad to do so. You can call Diana Peck at BIT at 1-888-829-2844 at your convenience. Again, thank you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mickey L. Sims".

Mickey L. Sims
General Manager

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11/25/10
6:00 P.M.