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CHOICE BROADBAND

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Phillip Lindley, Executive Director
ConnectME Authority
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Augusta, Maine 04333-0078

Re: **Pre-Application Letter – Gouldsboro Point Rd. Broadband Project**

Dear Phil:

In response to the Authority's announcement of its fifth grant round, Premium Choice Broadband is pleased to submit this Pre-Application letter for our Gouldsboro Point Rd. Broadband Project.

1. We propose to install a relay station on Gouldsboro Point Rd. in Gouldsboro that will cover in excess of 50 households in the surrounding area. At present Premium Choice Broadband does have some coverage in this area, this location would further extend coverage to several pockets that the coverage does not currently reach.

2. To our knowledge Fairpoint does not intend to service this area in the foreseeable future nor does Time Warner Cable.

3. We intend to install a wireless relay station with speeds of up to 3.0Mbps/.76Mbps will be offered, with an expected standard service plan of 1.5Mbps/512Kbps. We believe that the Gouldsboro Point Rd. Broadband Project can bring our first customers on-line within 30 days of confirmed funding of the project, with final completion within 12 months.

4. Current estimated project cost is $26,000 , subject to revision at the time of our formal application as the project details are worked out. We are requesting funding for $13,000, representing 50% of the estimated project cost.

5. Premium Choice Broadband, will fund $13,000, or 50% of the estimated project cost. Premium Choice has successfully carried out projects funded by the Authority in prior grant rounds, and we are committed meet our obligations – financial, management, and operational – with respect to the Gouldsboro Point Rd. Broadband Project.

6. We estimate that approximately 50 residences will be served by this relay with at least 30 customers signing up for service in the first 12 months.

7. We are working with residents to gather support for this project. We will provide evidence of community support with our formal application.

8. Premium Choice Broadband currently serves 150 towns from 53 locations with wireless technology to over 2000 customers covering 5600 square miles. Premium Choice has a well-established record of using hard work and ingenuity in order to bring our services to rural Maine communities. We will be happy to provide more detailed evidence of our experience upon request.

Premium Choice Broadband, looks forward to the formal application process and to accomplishing the Authority's objectives in the service area of the Gouldsboro Point Rd. Project. If you have any questions about this Pre-Application letter, please give us a call or e-mail us; our contact information appears below. We will be happy to respond. Thank you for your consideration of our proposed application.

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