

March 17, 2010

Mr. Luis A. Reyes, Jr. CEO
Kit Carson Electric
118 E. Cruz Alta Road
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Dear Mr. Reyes,

It is my understanding that Kit Carson Electric Cooperative, Inc. intends to apply for federal funding for a fiber network to expand the broadband service in Northern New Mexico which includes the Kit Carson Electric Service Area. This project would be of great importance to the area because some rural area residents and small businesses do not have Internet or are not able to connect to Internet services because the cost from all providers is too high.

I am happy and willing to support Kit Carson's proposed application for the following reasons:

- 1) Proposed free internet connectivity and training on how to use the Internet for residents with elementary age children and senior citizens.
- 2) The proposed fiber-based Smart Grid allows for much more efficient management of the supply of power by residents in the service area.
- 3) Eliminate the high costs of Internet to under served areas in Northern New Mexico and the Kit Carson Service area. An open network will create a competitive market and will bring down the cost of Internet based services.
- 4) Stimulating the local economy. Fiber optic networks provide communications capabilities which can help small and medium businesses to operate more efficiently.

We gladly support this project and your efforts to modernize the infrastructure in Northern New Mexico and the KCEC Service Territory.

Sincerely,
