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Bob Farmer
Holy Cross Energy
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Dear Mr. Farmer,

I'm writing on behalf of the City of Aspen in support of improving broadband services in the Roaring Fork Valley region. Community broadband networks have the potential to deliver resilient, affordable, high-quality Internet access to residents, encourage market competition, and enable local economic development.

Community provided broadband networks can also reduce costs for local government buildings, schools and libraries. Also, because they are run locally, not by a company headquartered in a different state, subscribers can hold community owned networks accountable.

Construction of new fiber optic network infrastructure, for example, a link from Gypsum to Basalt, may create additional redundancies that improve the resiliency of public safety, public communications and commerce for our local businesses, residents and visitors.

We look forward to continuing to work with you and the Holy Cross team.

Sincerely,

Sara Ott
City Manager