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Jan Noriyuki
Commission Secretary
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
13311 W. Chinden Blvd.
Building 8, Suite 201-A
Boise, Idaho 83714

Re: Order No. 35038; Case No. SUD-T-21-01, *In the Matter of Cebridge Telecom ID, LLC d/b/a Suddenlink Communications' Application for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier*

Dear Secretary Noriyuki:

On behalf of Cebridge Telecom ID, LLC d/b/a Suddenlink Communications ("Suddenlink" or "the Company"), I am writing to provide an update to the Commission on the Company's participation in the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC") Rural Digital Opportunity Fund ("RDOF") program for areas in the State of Idaho.

Suddenlink was previously awarded \$10,556.00 to serve nineteen Census Blocks in Idaho covering 140 locations through the RDOF program. However, in July 2021, the Company, along with hundreds of other winning bidders in the RDOF auction, received correspondence from FCC Staff identifying Census Blocks awarded through the program nationwide that may be either already served by one or more broadband providers offering speeds of 25/3 Mbps or better, or that may not have any serviceable households (*therefore rendering the Census Blocks ineligible for RDOF subsidies*). Staff requested that winning bidders review the Census Blocks and consider withdrawing their bids to the extent that the Census Blocks were actually served or lacked serviceable households. Accordingly, Suddenlink performed its own review and/or walkout of the nineteen awarded Census Blocks in Idaho (*the entirety of its awarded bid in Idaho*) and determined that they are already served or lack serviceable households.

Suddenlink has therefore – consistent with the FCC's recommendation and relevant public interest considerations – responded to the FCC's July correspondence by requesting to default on

the Company's winning bid encompassing the nineteen Census Blocks. Suddenlink anticipates that the FCC will grant this request, and we will update the Commission in due course. Additionally, Suddenlink anticipates filing an application to the Commission to relinquish its designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in Idaho following resolution of the Company's RDOF obligation by the FCC.

Nevertheless, Suddenlink remains focused on opportunities to expand our broadband footprint in the State of Idaho and to address unserved and underserved areas of the State. We welcome the opportunity to engage with the Commission and other public officials in Idaho around this critical need.

Should you have any questions about this matter please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Peter O. Richardson", written over a horizontal line.

Peter Richardson

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