



City of Waukon Broadband Committee
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Office of the Chief Information Officer
200 East Grand Avenue
Des Moines, IA 50309

Re: Support for Rural Waukon Fiber Project

To Whom It May Concern:

It is our understanding that the Allamakee-Clayton Electric Cooperative is applying for grant money to expand its fiber project being planned for a rural project just north of Waukon.

In March of 2018, the City of Waukon formed a Broadband Committee to investigate opportunities for providing improved broadband services within the City as well as the outskirts of the city. Allamakee-Clayton Electric Cooperative has been involved in providing broadband service within Waukon's rural areas for the past several years; they have built out a fiber and wireless infrastructure to support those areas and are now looking to expand this to include another 3 mile stretch encompassing 28 households. Service to this area would have an overall desirable affect on not just the outlying area of Waukon but to Waukon, itself.

Allamakee-Clayton Electric Cooperative is currently working on Waukon's southern and western city limits and for them to expand north to just outside our city limits would be beneficial to many. Our committee was formed because businesses, residents and rural residents were asking for better and faster internet options. We were pleased that Allamakee-Clayton Electric Cooperative came to the table to offer what we feel will be top-notch service to our community and the surrounding rural area.

We have fully supported their efforts to supply fiber internet to the City of Waukon and will whole-heartedly support their efforts to expand those services. It will be an asset not only to our community but Allamakee County to be able to offer reliable high-speed internet through Allamakee-Clayton Electric Cooperative. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 563-568-2624 or wedc4u@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

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Chairman, Waukon Broadband Committee

Cc: Allamakee-Clayton Electric Cooperative