

November 18, 2020

Office of the Chief Information Officer 200 East Grand Avenue Des Moines, IA 50309

RE: Support for the Waukon Fiber Project

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my understanding that Allamakee-Clayton Electric Cooperative is applying for grant money to expand its fiber project planned for the City of Waukon.

The project will entail a fiber build North of Waukon for 3.0 miles outside of town towards the sale barn to Patterson Road. The increase of internet connectivity has become an important issue for many households due to Covid-19, as people are being required to work remotely from home. As technology advances, students are also requiring more resources for school work which may not be available due to their current internet connection. This project would benefit 28 households and provide a high-speed internet connection that would enable people to work safely from home.

Veterans Memorial Hospital fully supports Allamakee-Clayton Electric Cooperative's intention to expand and supply fiber internet to the City of Waukon, and wish them the best with this project. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 563-568-3411.

Sincerely,

Michael Coyle, Chief Executive Officer Veterans Memorial Hospital

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c: Allamakee-Clayton Electric Cooperative