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> NTIA BTOP Award No. NT10BIX5570078 Request for Early Award Termination Re:

for Convenience

To Whom It May Concern:

Silver Star Telephone Company, Inc., recipient under Award No. NT10BIX5570078 ("Recipient"), hereby notifies the NTIA Program Office and the US DOC- NTIA Grants Office of its desire to terminate early for convenience the above grant award. Recipient requests the award end date be modified from June 30, 2013 to March 31, 2013.

In support of its request, Recipient affirms that all construction activities contemplated under the award have been completed and all federal funds under the award have been drawn down and disbursed. Recipient has complied with all construction-specific special award conditions, is in the final stages of completing the federal interest recordation, and the final award audit is anticipated by June 1, 2013.

Recipient has remained consistent at meeting or exceeding the baseline indicators for this project and is pleased to have been part of a collaboration spurring broadband construction and adoption throughout the United States and its territories. Completion of this project is the culmination of a two year construction project through difficult, mountainous terrain, achieving a long-awaited and long-needed redundant fiber route within the State of Wyoming, ensuring reliability and consistency at broadband speeds previously not available in the region.

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Recipient is committed to meeting the early termination closeout timeframe, during which all final reports and documentation will be submitted within the 90-day closeout period and per award guidelines. Recipient requests prompt approval of this request and generation of the necessary award amendment and related GOL recipient tasks and notifications so it can meet its grant award closeout obligations in a timely manner.

Questions concerning this notification may be directed to me at 307-883-6690 or by email at mamotzkus@silverstar.net .

Respectfully,

Michelle Motzkus

Legal & Regulatory Administrator

Authorized Organization Representative