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Re: Broadband Availability in the DMEA Service Area

Dear Directors:

The Montrose City Council frequently hears from constituents who are concerned for availability of affordable broadband services. Our region is underserved by our incumbent telecommunications providers. We regularly hear from companies seeking to employ broadband services, being told by providers that those services are simply not available. The costs for advanced telecommunications services, when they are available, can be many times more expensive than you would pay in larger markets. These market factors create a distinct disadvantage for those living and conducting business in our region.

Those conditions have led the Montrose City Council to adopt a policy goal to "increase availability and public access to high speed broadband Internet." On behalf of the entire Council, I invite the Directors of the Delta Montrose Electric Association to join with us in making affordable and available telecommunications a high priority for our region.

We understand that you will soon be considering how best to utilize the current and future dark fiber assets held by DMEA. It is our hope that you will endeavor to seek opportunities to put these assets to use for the greater good of our region.

Just as we all worked together to electrify our region in the last century, we must now strive to ensure current and future generations have access to affordable broadband services, so our economy may thrive.

Sincerely,

Judy Ann Files
Mayor

cc: Montrose City Council, City Manager

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