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**FMU-T-20-01**

Jan Noriyuki, Commission Secretary  
Idaho Public Utilities Commission  
11331 W. Chinden Blvd. Building 8, Suite 201-A  
Boise, ID 83714

P.O. Box 83720  
Boise, ID 83720-0074

Re: Farmers Mutual Telecom Inc.'s Application for Broadband Tax  
Credit Certification for 2016

Dear Ms. Noriyuki:

Enclosed for filing, please find a copy of Farmers Mutual Telecom Inc.'s Application in the above referenced case. I have not sent a hard copy so please let me know if you will require that prior to opening the case.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Cynthia A. Melillo

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Enclosure

Cc: Ron Rembelski (*via electronic mail*)  
Daniel Klein (*via electronic mail*)

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**BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION  
OF FARMERS MUTUAL TELECOM INC.,  
FOR BROADBAND TAX CREDIT  
CERTIFICATION

Case No.

**FARMERS MUTUAL TELECOM  
INC.'S APPLICATION**

Farmers Mutual Telecom Inc. (“FMTI” or “Applicant”), by and through its attorneys, Cynthia A. Melillo PLLC, files this Application for an Idaho Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) order certifying that certain telecommunications equipment is eligible for the broadband infrastructure tax credit authorized by Section 63-3029I, Idaho Code. In support of its Application, FMTI states as follows:

1. FMTI is a provider of basic local exchange service, broadband telecommunications service and other telecommunications services in Idaho.

2. During the calendar year 2016, FMTI made certain investments that constitute “qualified broadband equipment” within the meaning of Section 63-3029(I)(3)(b), Idaho Code. Exhibit A, attached hereto, describes FMTI’s qualified broadband equipment and contains the information and representations required by this Commission’s Order No. 28784 in Case No. GNR-T-01-10.

3. Communications regarding this Application should be addressed to the following:

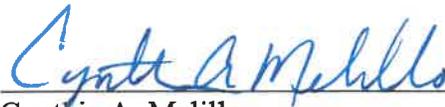
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4. Applicant does not believe that the public interest requires a hearing on this matter and, therefore, requests that the Commission approve the Application by Minute Order or under Modified Procedure. In the event the Commission determines that further proceedings are necessary, Applicant stands ready for immediate hearings.

WHEREFORE, FMTI requests that the Commission issue its order determining that the installed equipment identified in Exhibit A constitutes qualified broadband equipment eligible for the investment tax credit authorized by Section 63-3029I, Idaho Code.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December 2020.



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Cynthia A. Melillo  
CYNTHIA A. MELILLO PLLC  
Attorneys for Farmers Mutual Telephone Company

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December 2020, I caused to be served a true and correct copy of the foregoing by the method indicated below, and addressed to the following:

Jan Noriyuki, Commission Secretary  
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11331 W. Chinden Blvd. Building 8, Suite  
201-A  
Boise, ID 83714

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**EXHIBIT A**

**Broadband Tax Credit Application**

[attached]

**Idaho Broadband Tax Credit Application**  
**Calendar Year 2016**

**Company Information**

1. Name of Company: Farmers Mutual Telecom Inc.
2. Address: 319 SW 3<sup>rd</sup> St., PO Box 1030, Fruitland, Idaho 83619
3. Type of Company: Telecommunications Carrier, Internet Service Provider
4. Contact Person : Ron Rembelski, Assistant General Manager, 208-452-2000

**Equipment Description**

5. Broadband Services Offered: FTTH, Terrestrial Fixed Wireless (where available)
6. Network Description: Fiber Fed DLC sites providing FTTH and TFW.
7. Transmission rate: Equipment is capable of transmitting signals at a rate of at least two hundred thousand (200,000) bits per second to a subscriber and at least one hundred twenty-five thousand (125,000) bits per second from a subscriber.
8. Number and Percentage of Idaho Customers Served: 280 Broadband customer households in portions of New Plymouth and Payette with populations of 1519 and 7527, respectively.
9. Equipment List: See attached Broadband Equipment List

I hereby certify that I have read the applicable statutes for broadband investment income tax credit and believe that the equipment listed herein qualifies for the tax credit under Idaho Code 63-3029I.

*Ron Rembelski*

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Ron Rembelski  
Assistant General Manager  
Farmers Mutual Telephone Co.  
Date: 12-3-20

**2016 Broadband Tax Credit Equipment List**  
Farmers Mutual Telecom Inc.

WORK ORDER	REVISION	DESCRIPTION	Description Details	AMOUNT	COUNTY/TAX CODE AREA	PERIOD
116727	0	CAMBIUM-FIXED WIRELESS EQUIPMENT	116727 - Install Cambium CMM4 @ Fruitland Tower	\$ 3,467.05	03-1 - Payette County Tax Dist #03-1	16-Mar
2016007	0	FIBER UNDERGROUND CABLE	2016007 - Fiber to S.W. Dist. Health	\$ 22,770.47	PC01 - PAYETTE COUNTY TAX DIST #01	16-Feb
2016007	0	FIBER OUTSIDE STUDY AREA	2016007 - Fiber to S.W. Dist. Health	\$ 55.82	PC01 - PAYETTE COUNTY TAX DIST #01	16-Feb
2016021	0	FIBER UNDERGROUND CABLE	2016021 - FIBER DROP 113 W ELM ST. NP	\$ 981.88	PC02 - Payette CO TD #02 NEW PLYOUTH	16-Mar
2016021	1	FIBER UNDERGROUND CABLE	2016021 - FIBER DROP 113 W ELM ST. NP	\$ 500.00	PC02 - Payette CO TD #02 NEW PLYOUTH	16-May
2016025	0	BURIED CABLE	2016025 - 2670 NW 2ND AVE. DROP	\$ 449.15	PC35 - Payette County Tax Dist #35	16-Apr
2016079	0	PAYETTE-DLC SUBSCRIBER CIRCUIT EQUIP	2016079 - CLEC - PAYETTE ADTRAN SHELF	\$ 2,317.52	03-1 - Payette County Tax Dist #03-1	16-Dec
2016080	0	DLC SUBSCRIBER CIRCUIT EQUIPMENT	2016080 - CLEC - NEW PLYMOUTH ADTRAN SHELF	\$ 21,998.02	03-1 - Payette County Tax Dist #03-1	16-Dec
				<b>\$ 52,539.91</b>		
				<b>Broadband Tax Credit</b>		
				3% \$	<b>1,576.20</b>	