

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT No. 1 of Whatcom County

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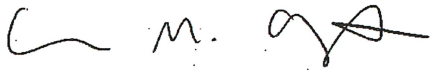
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RE: Call for Comments for Fall Funding Opportunity

Dear Mr. Vasconi,

Our Commission and staff appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on important issues that will inform the WSBO in crafting scoring requirements for the Fall Notice of Funding Opportunity. We look forward to engaging in the late October roundtable and hope to see changes that further accelerate community-driven broadband deployment in our community and across Washington State.

Warm regards,



Christine Grant, President, Whatcom County PUD Board of Commissioners



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