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Broadband Fund  
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Colorado High Cost Fund Grant Committee,

On behalf of the Routt County Board of County Commissioner we wish to express our strong support for Yampa Valley Electric Association (YVEA), and its subsidiary Luminate Broadband, in its application for funding to deploy broadband service in rural North Routt County.

With funding support, YVEA/Luminate will be able to provide much needed internet connectivity to an area of our County and the state that has been perpetually underserved – nearly all areas of which fall below the federal definition of broadband service of 25 Mbps download and 3Mbps upload, with some having no service at all. This reality has negatively affected our small rural communities – our businesses, our students, and our essential services. Because of this lack of connectivity, we fear this area is being left behind, and failing to thrive.

YVEA has powered the communities of North Routt County for over 75 years. As such, they have a strong, proven relationship with them and know we can depend on their services. We strongly support YVEA/Luminate's application for funding, so they are able to deploy Gigabit broadband service to the citizens and businesses of North Routt County.

Respectfully,  
ROUTT COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'B. Melton'.

M. Elizabeth Melton, Chair