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**VIA EMAIL**

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Public Utilities Commission  
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Re: Challenge of Shasta.com to Certain California Advanced Services Fund Infrastructure Grant Application

Dear Mr. Osborn,

Pursuant to Section 281 of the California Public Utilities Code, Shasta.com dba ShastaBeam (“Shasta” or the “Company”) hereby submits this challenge to certain of the California Advanced Services Fund Infrastructure Grant Applications (“CASF Applications”) submitted to the Commission on May 4, 2020.

Shasta.com is a fixed wireless internet service provider operating in Shasta and Tehama counties. The company routinely files its Form 477 FCC Broadband Deployment Report as well as the PUC’s annual Broadband Data Request. In many areas, Shasta.com is the only fixed broadband operator available to residential and commercial customers. The towns it currently serves can be found on its website at <https://shastabeam.com/support/faq/>. The Company provides internet service plans with speeds of 3-20 Mbps download/3 Mbps upload in these areas.

CASF money may only be awarded for service deployment to unserved areas, currently defined as those receiving broadband speeds of less than 6 Mbps download/1 Mbps upload from a wireline or wireless facilities-based provider. Section 281(f)(4)(A)(ii) prohibits CASF funding upon proof by a provider of broadband deployment to a census block. Moreover, Section 281(f)(5) requires grant applicants to show that their requested projects serve only unserved households.

Shasta.com has identified overlap of its current service areas in the following CASF application:

Charter Communications- Bella Vista, Redding

Attached to this letter as a confidential exhibit is a spreadsheet listing current subscribers by census block for which this project would overlap. Although some census blocks show customers receiving 3 Mbps download service, Shasta’s higher speed packages are available to those locations as well.

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While Shasta.com has been able to identify the above listed overlapping service areas, the Company asserts that this may not be an exhaustive list. There may be additional service areas contained in other CASF project applications that Shasta.com was not able to identify. Shasta.com urges the Commission to decline funding for all the census blocks currently being served by Shasta.com.

Additional information will be provided confidentially under separate cover. If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned counsel at [kris@lokt.net](mailto:kris@lokt.net) or 202.681.1850. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "K. Twomey", is written over a horizontal line.

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cc: CASF Distribution List