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Mr. Robert Volker, Chief Operating Officer
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Subject: California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) - Inyo Networks Inc.'s Proposed Alpine Peaks Broadband Project

Dear Mr. Volker:

Thank you for your November 13, 2015 grant application for CASF infrastructure funding for the Alpine Peaks Broadband Project located in Alpine Peaks, a subdivision of Tahoe City in Placer County, California. In reviewing public feedback associated with your application, Communications Division (CD) staff learned that Exwire, a fixed wireless broadband service provider, currently serves the proposed Alpine Peaks project area, and is offering speeds in excess 6 Megabits per second (mbps) download and 1.5 mbps upload.

CD staff requested Exwire conduct speed tests using CalSPEED over Ethernet cable (without a wireless router) to validate its service area and availability. CD reviewed test results of Exwire's premium tier customers and test results after Exwire's June 20, 2016 equipment upgrade. Based on this information, CD staff found that only 1 out of 42 current customers in the proposed Alpine Peaks project area is consistently underserved. These CalSPEED test results can be viewed online at <http://www.broadbandmap.ca.gov/>.

Based on the CalSPEED test results and our evaluation, CD staff finds that Exwire serves the proposed project area. The existing CASF rules limit funding to broadband infrastructure areas determined to be unserved or underserved. The rules do not permit funding to over-build projects where broadband infrastructure capabilities at served speeds already exist. Because the proposed project area is served, Inyo Networks, Inc. is ineligible for CASF funding. Please contact Angela Young at (415) 703-4414 or Selena Huang at (415) 703-5247 if you have any questions or would like to share additional information.

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