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RESOLUTION # R-22-001

Supporting Kenergy Corp./Kenect, Inc. Broadband Service Plan

WHEREAS, the onset, and continuation of the Covid-19 Pandemic has proven the need for affordable, quality, high speed internet availability to all citizens of Crittenden County, Kentucky for the purposes of reliable communications, primary, secondary, and post-secondary educational opportunities, telehealth, retail and wholesale business, other economic opportunities, and more. The Crittenden County Fiscal Court, being aware of Kenergy Corp.'s and Kenect, Inc.'s application pending before the Kentucky Public Service Commission (Case No. 2021-00365), wishes to provide our utmost support for broadband development throughout the Kenergy Corp.'s coverage areas of Crittenden County, Kentucky; and,

WHEREAS, Crittenden County, Kentucky is grossly unserved or underserved in broadband access outside the City limits of Marion, Kentucky; and,

WHEREAS, Kenergy Corp.'s certified electric territory encompasses nearly all of Crittenden County outside the City limits of Marion, Kentucky; and,

WHEREAS, Kenergy Corp. has applied to the Kentucky Public Service Commission to provide broadband service in Kenergy Corp.'s service territory through its affiliate, Kenect, Inc.; and,

WHEREAS, providing affordable, and reliable broadband availability to the citizens of Crittenden County will have a positive impact in all the afore mentioned areas of need and more for such broadband access; and,

WHEREAS, partnering with and Internet Service Provider who will development a broadband system that will provide adequate speed, reliability or service, and an affordable plan is one of the top priorities of the Crittenden County Fiscal Court; and,

WHEREAS, there are other providers that have indicated their willingness to provide such service to rural America and rural Kentucky, and have claimed they currently provide such services when in reality they do not meet the threshold of affordability reliability, nor access that Kenergy Corp. and Kenect, Inc. can provide for their service coverage area; and

NOW, THEREFORE be it RESOLVED that the Crittenden County Fiscal Court fully supports and endorses Kenergy Corp.'s and Kenect, Inc.'s application now pending before the Kentucky Public Service Commission as this broadband project is vital to meeting the needs of the residents of Crittenden County, Kentucky and beyond. The Fiscal Court Clerk is directed to submit this Resolution as public comment in Case No. 2021-00365 at the Kentucky Public Service Commission and to our State Legislators whom we will encourage to share with all their General Assembly colleagues; and,

Furthermore, the Crittenden County Fiscal Court encourages the Kentucky Public Service Commission understand that those opposed to this plan would have already provided internet access to our area if they had any intention to do so, and to exercise their complete authority to approve the Kenergy Corp. and Kenect, Inc. plan at your earliest opportunity so our rural citizens may have the same access capabilities as our urban counterparts across this Commonwealth.

Passed unanimously by Motion of Magistrate Todd Perryman, seconded by Magistrate Willard Guill, and subscribed below by all members of the Crittenden County Fiscal Court.

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