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Cynthia Walker  
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California Public Utilities Commission  
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## **RE: Anza Electric Cooperative, Inc. (AEC) CASF Right of First Refusal Annual Demonstration Letter Pursuant to Resolution T-17590**

Dear Director,

Anza Electric Cooperative, Inc. (AEC) respectfully submits this letter pursuant to the requirements of CPUC Resolution No. T-17590 as assertion of our Right of First Refusal within our existing service territory described below for the purposes of the California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) program.

### **Background**

On December 15, 2015, the CPUC approved Resolution No. T-17503, which provided approval of a CASF grant to AEC in the amount of \$2,662,450 for the ConnectAnza Phase I Project, located in a CASF “priority area.” Since this approval, AEC has diligently deployed our 100% fiber optic network throughout the entire rural project area approved in Resolution T-17503. We filed our final request for funding in early December 2017, having completed the ConnectAnza Phase I project build.

On May 26, 2016, the Commission granted AEC a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (U7297C) under Decision No. 16-05-034 (filed July 29, 2015).

Subsequently, on June 14, 2017, AEC filed a second CASF grant request for ConnectAnza Phase II for a separate portion of our electric cooperative territory. This project requests \$2,213,420 in CASF grant funding for a last mile fiber to the home project for the communities of Pinyon Pines, Gardner Valley and Mountain Center, located in the unincorporated areas of Riverside County. This project area originally was a part of the ConnectAnza Phase I project but the Commission staff and our CEQA consultant had advised AEC to split off this Phase II portion of the project area due to a scenic highway in the second area that necessitated a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review. The ConnectAnza Phase II CASF grant application is pending approval by CPUC CASF staff and actively under review.

**AREA SERVED UNDER CONNECTANZA PHASE I**

- A. The listed Census Block Groups (CBG) are currently served by ConnectAnza as a direct result of the completed ConnectAnza Phase I CASF grant under CPUC Resolution No. T-17503:

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- B. These CBGs represent approximately 4,941 households.
- C. All locations within the served area are connected at a minimum speed of 100 MB/s symmetrical.
- D. This deployment was completed in December 2017, and households are now receiving broadband service.
- E. We are filing this with our ROFR to ensure the California Broadband maps accurately reflect this area as served. Attached hereto is a map in shapefile format depicting the census block groups for the ROFR for the AEC ConnectAnza Phase I project, which is completed.

**AREA SERVED UNDER CONNECTANZA PHASE II**

- A. The listed Census Block Groups (CBG) are proposed to be served by ConnectAnza as a direct result of the pending CASF grant application currently under consideration by CPUC:

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- B. These CBGs represent approximately 468 Households.
- C. All locations within the served area will be connected at a minimum speed of 100 MB/s symmetrical.
- D. This deployment is anticipated to be completed by July 15, 2018, pending CASF grant approval by Commission and CEQA review.
- E. Attached hereto is a map in shapefile format depicting the census block groups for the ROFR for the AEC ConnectAnza Phase II project.

Please feel free to contact me directly with any questions or information you may require in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Short', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kevin Short  
General Manager

cc: CASF Distribution List