



JACKSON PARISH POLICE JURY
Jackson Parish Police Jury Administrative Building
160 Industrial Drive
Jonesboro, Louisiana 71251-3446
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December 29, 2021 Special Called Police Jury Meeting

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DATE: Wednesday, December 29, 2021
TIME: 5:15 PM
LOCATION: Nathaniel Zeno Jr. Meeting Room
Jackson Parish Administrative Building
160 Industrial Drive, Jonesboro, LA 71251

AGENDA:

Call to Order

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments

- 1.** Consider and act on authorizing letters of support for the broadband GUMBO program

Election of 2022 Officers

- 2.** Election of 2022 Officers (*roll call votes*)
 - a. Nominees and Election of President*
 - b. Nominees and Election of Vice President*

Adjourn

Notice Posted: Monday, December 27, 10:30 AM

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The Jackson Parish Police Jury supports application(s) by AT&T to the Louisiana Granting Unserved Municipalities Broadband Opportunities (GUMBO) program to facilitate the deployment of broadband service to qualified areas.

This letter shall serve as a letter of support from a local government or any instrumentality thereof pursuant to the final emergency rule promulgated by the Office of Broadband Development and Connectivity.

Thank you,

Name: Amy Magee

Signature: _____

Title: Police Jury President

Email: administration@jppj.org

Phone Number: (318) 259-2361 ext. 3

Local Government Entity: Jackson Parish Police Jury

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RE: Letter in Support of Suddenlink's Application to Louisiana GUMBO Program

To Whom it May Concern:

District 2
LEWIS CHATHAM
1575 Mariah Road
Chatham, LA. 71226
(318) 235-0254

On behalf of Jackson Parish, I am writing in support of Suddenlink's application for funding to deploy high-speed broadband to households and businesses in our community.

District 3
AMY C. MAGEE
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Specifically, through the Louisiana GUMBO Program, Suddenlink has proposed to construct a Fiber-to-the-Home network in Jackson Parish offering speeds of 100 Mbps symmetrical, and scalable to multi-Gigabit speeds. Suddenlink's fiber to the home (FTTH) network design is an advanced platform that will offer Jackson Parish a "future-proof" network that will meet our community's connectivity needs for decades to come.

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Jackson Parish is eager to work with Suddenlink/Altice to expand broadband availability and adoption in our community with 21st century infrastructure. We hope that your office will approve this critical investment into Jackson Parish – which will enable our residents and businesses to take full advantage of the opportunities associated with broadband, as well as access critical services such as distance learning, telemedicine, and e-commerce. This project will allow our community to keep up with an ever-more-connected world.

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We would specifically highlight the following aspects of the application:

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- The Project Would Serve Unserved and Underserved Areas of the Community: Consistent with what we understand to be the applicable guidelines, Altice proposes to deploy broadband to unserved and underserved areas, including households and businesses without access to broadband speeds of 25/3 Mbps or greater.
- The Project Would Offer Robust Broadband Service on a State-of-the-Art Network: By constructing fiber all the way to the customer's home, the proposed FTTH network would be capable of delivering speeds of 1 Gbps and beyond.

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- Suddenlink is an Experienced Partner: Suddenlink will be leveraging its extensive experience building, operating, and maintaining similar networks. The Company offers broadband and other services across a 21-state service footprint, with approximately 8.8 million homes passed.
- Suddenlink offers Affordable Broadband Options: Suddenlink offers a range of broadband products at competitive and low-cost price-points, including its income-eligible Optimum Advantage Internet plan (50 Mbps, for \$14.99/month). The Company also participates in the FCC Emergency Broadband Benefit program – providing eligible customers with an up to \$50 monthly broadband discount.
- Jackson Parish Stands Ready to Support the Project: Jackson Parish will work with Suddenlink to ensure the successful and timely completion of the project, including by supporting the Company's permitting needs.

In sum, Jackson Parish strongly endorses Suddenlink's proposal, and we hope that the Louisiana Office of Broadband Development and Connectivity will fund this critical project.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Magee
Police Jury President



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Please accept this letter as an indication of our support of US Wifi / Vanguard Internet. We understand they are applying for the GUMBO grant that would allow them to provide increased broadband options and affordable pricing which is vital to many who live in our area. This last year has proven, now more than ever, how necessary reliable and affordable access to the internet truly is.

Employees working from home and students attending school remotely, particularly in rural areas, are faced with unnecessary challenges that could be easily remedied by dependable, functional, and affordable access to the internet.

In this day and age, access to reliable internet options shouldn't even be an ongoing issue. We support US Wifi / Vanguard Internet's effort to improve broadband internet speeds, affordability, and dependability, to bring our people, homes, and businesses into the 21st century. Please, carefully and thoughtfully consider their grant application. The funds and their efforts could assist many in our area

Thank you,

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Signature: _____

Title: Police Jury President

Email: administration@jppj.org

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A. President

Open Nominations:

_____ Nominated by _____
_____ Nominated by _____
_____ Nominated by _____
_____ Nominated by _____

Close Nominations.

Roll Call Vote:

District 1: _____ District 2: _____ District 3: _____
District 4: _____ District 5: _____ District 6: _____
District 7: _____

B. Vice President

Open Nominations:

_____ Nominated by _____
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_____ Nominated by _____

Close Nominations.

Roll Call Vote:

District 1: _____ District 2: _____ District 3: _____
District 4: _____ District 5: _____ District 6: _____
District 7: _____