

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE APPLICATION OF CANADIAN VALLEY TELEPHONE TO THE
USDA FOR A RURAL UTILITY SERVICE RECONNECT 4 PROGRAM GRANT**

IN THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE CHOCTAW NATION

RONALD PERRY INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL RESOLUTION

A COUNCIL RESOLUTION

TO APPROVE a Resolution supporting Canadian Valley Telephone in its application to the United States Department of Agriculture (“USDA”) for a Rural Utility Service ReConnect 4 Program Grant.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article IX, Section 4 of the Constitution of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, “The Tribal Council shall enact legislation, rules and regulations not inconsistent with this Constitution for the general good of the Choctaw Nation and for the administration and regulation of the affairs of the Choctaw Nation.”;

WHEREAS, The USDA ReConnect Loan and Grant Program furnishes loans and grants to provide funds for the costs of construction, improvement, or acquisition of facilities and equipment needed to provide broadband service in eligible rural areas;

WHEREAS, Canadian Valley Telephone provides telecommunications services to rural communities in Eastern Oklahoma;

WHEREAS, Canadian Valley Telephone wishes to apply to the USDA for a Rural Utility Service ReConnect 4 Program Grant for the purpose of expanding broadband throughout the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (the “Nation”) generally, and more specifically in the Crowder area of Oklahoma;

WHEREAS, Canadian Valley Telephone commits to provide service over or on the tribal lands identified in the Proposed Funded Service Area (“PFSA”) contained in their grant application for the betterment of the Nation’s reservation and tribal members;

WHEREAS, the Nation wishes to support Canadian Valley Telephone’s application to expand broadband throughout the Choctaw Nation; and

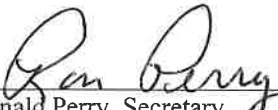
WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has determined it is in the best interest of the Nation to support Canadian Valley Telephone’s application to the USDA for a Rural Utility Service ReConnect 4 Program Grant in order to expand broadband services on the Choctaw Nation reservation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma that this Resolution be cited as approval for supporting the application of Canadian Valley Telephone to the United States Department of Agriculture for a Rural Utility Service ReConnect 4 Program Grant.

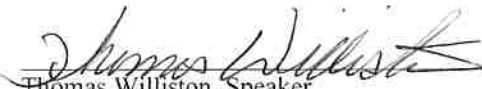
CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as speaker of the Tribal Council of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that the Tribal Council is composed of twelve (12) seats. Eight (8) members must be present to constitute a quorum. I further certify that twelve (12) members answered roll call and that a quorum was present at the Regular Session of the Tribal Council at Tuskahoma, Oklahoma on February 11, 2023. I further certify that the foregoing Council Resolution CR- 13 -23 was adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of twelve (12) members, zero (0) negative votes, and zero (0) abstaining.

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Ronald Perry, Secretary
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council



Thomas Williston, Speaker
Choctaw Nation Tribal Council



Gary Batton, Chief
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Date 2-14-23

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Purpose/Need of Council Resolution: The purpose of this Resolution is to support Canadian Valley Telephone's application to the United States Department of Agriculture for a Rural Utility Service ReConnect 4 Program Grant. These grant funds are available to applicants for the costs of construction, improvement, or acquisition of facilities and equipment needed to provide broadband service in eligible rural areas. Canadian Valley Telephone is a telecommunications provider that wishes to apply for these grant funds, and if awarded, will use the funds to expand broadband service in the Crowder area to include 1316 homes. As part of its application, Canadian Valley Telephone must show that the Nation supports its expansion of broadband services on the Choctaw Nation reservation. Supporting Canadian Valley Telephone's grant application will contribute to the Nation's strategic plan/goal of achieving digital transformation by increasing broadband access for tribal members.

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Choctaw Nation Department: Information Technology

Budget: N/A

Match Required: N/A

Request by: Robert Griffin, Project Director; Jimmy D. Williams, Executive Director; Kelly McKaughan, SEO
Integrated Services