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Re: District Agreement and Bylaws for the Carroll County Communications District

Dear Matt:

Our meeting with you, Linda Mailhot, Chuck Fuller, Rick Highland, was very helpful and we appreciate the opportunity to discuss the Carroll County Communications District Agreement and Bylaws. As we explained, this is the first communications district agreement that our Office reviewed so there were some challenges. Please be advised that, pursuant to RSA 53-G:2, V, this Office approves the enclosed District Agreement and Bylaws for the Carroll County Communications District ("CCCD").

The purpose of our meeting was to agree to satisfactory language that addressed the concerns raised in our letter dated March 3, 2023. We appreciate the detailed discussions and collaborative effort to arrive at changes to the Agreement Without recounting every discrete change that was discussed, the changes consisted primarily of the following:

- The word "State" appearing in Section 4 of the agreement would no longer be capitalized in order to clarify that the CCCD is not an entity of the State executive branch;
- Language was added to Section 5 to clarify that the CCCD will not own assets, be an operator, or be an internet service provider;
- Changes were made to Section 6 to clarify how the CCCD will handle debt;
- A new Section 31 was added clarifying how member agreements will operate;
- Sections referencing member agreements would include a citation to the new Section 31 for clarity; and
- New Section 32 included language stating that Carroll County has no financial responsibility for any obligations of the CCCD

After reviewing the revised Agreement, we are satisfied that all the changes that we discussed in detail have been made. Therefore, this Office approves the enclosed District Agreement and Bylaws for the Carroll County Communications District.

We thank you for your patience in this process and we appreciate the hard work that you have done on this project.

Sincerely,



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