

WHEREAS, the County believes that ORS designed its ARPA grant program to offset the capital expenses in the deployment of broadband in unserved rural and underserved economically distressed areas; and


WHEREAS, the County recognizes construction of broadband infrastructure may include the following: project planning; obtaining construction permits; construction of facilities – including the construction of both middle-mile and last-mile infrastructure; equipment; and installation and testing of the broadband service.

WHEREAS, the intent of this regional broadband strategy is to create an infrastructure that will support Upcountry Fiber’s ability to reach underserved and unserved neighborhoods and expand affordable services to county residents and the small business community;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Pickens County Council expresses support for Upcountry Fiber’s intent to apply for multiple grants from ARPA funding through the SC ORS as part of the grant application process to serve priority underserved areas and address the digital divide.

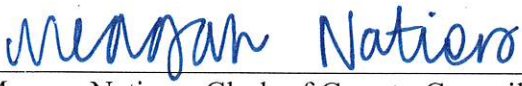
DONE IN REGULAR MEETING THIS 7 DAY OF July, 2022.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PICKENS COUNTY,
SOUTH CAROLINA


Chris Bowers, Chairman of County Council
Pickens County, South Carolina

(SEAL)

Attest:


Meagan Nations, Clerk of County Council
Pickens County, South Carolina