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Georgetown  
Goodnews Bay  
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Kasigluk  
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Kotlik  
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Kwigillingok  
Lime Village  
Marshall  
Mekoryuk  
Mtn. Village  
Napaimiut  
Napakiak  
Napaskiak  
Newtok  
Nightmute  
Nunakauyak  
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Nunapitchuk  
Ohogamiut  
Oscarville  
Paimiut  
Pilot Station  
Pitka's Point  
Platinum  
Quinhagak  
Red Devil  
Russian Mission  
Scammon Bay  
Sleetmute  
St. Mary's  
Stony River  
Tuluksak  
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August 10, 2009

Desiree Nobel Pfeffer, Managing Member  
Rivada Sea Lion LLC  
3601 C Street #600A  
Anchorage, Alaska 99517

Re: Letter of Support for Rivada Sea Lion LLC SABRE proposal

Dear Ms. Pfeffer

I am writing to express the support of the Association of Village Council Presidents (AVCP) for Rivada Sea Lion SABRE proposal.

- Association of Village Council of Presidents represents 56 villages in Western Alaska across 90,000 square miles and approximately 26,000 people throughout the region. The Rivada Sea Lion solution will service ALL 56 villages.
- The Southwest Alaska Broadband Rural Expansion (SABRE) project proposed by Rivada Sea Lion represents a quantum leap in telecommunications technology for the entire region. Their solution is simple, mobile, and next generation technology, ready to be deployed and installed immediately (less than 3 months). Rivada Sea Lion technology is completely interoperable with existing carrier networks and public safety organizations.
- **AVCP has reviewed numerous proposals for Broadband service in our area. After careful consideration AVCP supports complementary and compatible solutions for our region.**
- School districts, health clinics, airports, village stores, public safety organizations, and many other agencies will be able to access next generation broadband network services immediately via the Rivada Sea Lion SABRE project.
- Rivada Sea Lion SABRE solution addresses the unique maintenance, operations, logistical and weather related issues necessary for a successful solution.
- Western Alaska is federally recognized as a rural, unserved and underserved telecommunication service area, with extremely limited, unreliable, or non-existent communication services.
- Affordable, high-speed, reliable, broadband telecommunication service would offer the region 21<sup>st</sup> century technology that would greatly improve the health,

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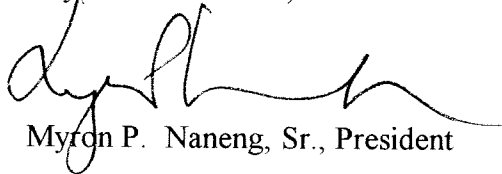
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- safety, education, and quality of life of the residents, spur job creation, and stimulate long-term economic growth opportunities for the region.
- The Rivada Sea Lion solution includes job training and career opportunities in the serviced villages and Anchorage (approximately 50 new jobs).
- Rivada Sea Lion technology subscription fees are anticipated to be at least 50% less than current rate structures.
- Rivada Sea Lion would provide the highest bandwidth speeds for voice, data and video over any other technology in southwest Alaska (i.e., landline, satellite, fiber, microwave).
- Rivada Sea Lion technology was selected by the U.S. Northern Command, the U.S. National Guard, and the Department of Homeland security as a primary mobile and deployable communications system. It was most recently used for emergency relief efforts following Hurricane Ike and Gustav in Texas and Louisiana in the fall of 2008, as well as in Illinois during the Mississippi River floods in the summer of 2008. It was also used last fall in Anchorage at Joint Task Force – Alaska (JTF-AK) at Elmendorf AFB.
- Rivada Sea Lion SABRE capabilities will be demonstrated in the region within the next 90 days to show that the system will address the communication needs and expectations of the residents, community anchor institutions, and public safety organizations.

Sincerely,

ASSOCIATION OF VILLAGE COUNCIL PRESIDENTS

Raymond J. Watson, Chairman

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Myron P. Naneng, Sr.", written over the printed name below.

Myron P. Naneng, Sr., President