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January 8, 2019

Attn: CPUC President Michael Picker
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: Letter of Support for Approval of Resolution T-17633 Approves the Transfer of Control via Stock Purchase Agreement of Bright Fiber Inc. (U-7287-C) to Race Telecommunications, Inc. (U-7060-C) submitted by Race Telecommunications, Inc. in Advice Letter No. 6 and modifications to the CASF Grant for the Bright Fiber Project Approved by Resolution T-17495

Dear California Public Utilities Commission Staff and Commissioners,

On behalf of Nevada County Board of Supervisors, I am submitting this Letter of Support urging the adoption of Resolution T-17633 approving the transfer via a stock purchase agreement of Bright Fiber Inc. (U-7287-C) to Race Telecommunications, Inc. (U-7060-C) and approval of the modifications to the CASF Grant for the Bright Fiber Project approved by CPUC Resolution T-17495.

Access to adequate broadband is a crucial resource that many households and businesses lack in Nevada County. The California Advanced Series Fund (CASF) funding that was awarded to Bright Fiber Network, Inc. (Bright Fiber) on December 3, 2015 via Resolution T-17495 was anticipated to have a positive impact on closing this gap. Throughout much of Nevada County there is limited or no internet service; limited DSL service from other telecommunication service providers; and only some service from fixed wireless providers. The Bright Fiber Network Project area includes designated high areas of need as identified by the Gold Country Broadband Consortium. The transfer of the project to Race Communications, Inc. would greatly benefit Nevada County without taking business from other entities that have been unable or unwilling to provide service to this area. CPUC Communications Division Staff have indicated that Race Telecommunications, Inc. has a proven record of accomplishment in completing CASF Infrastructure Projects. Approving the transfer of the CASF grant will help ensure the project is not further delayed and implemented per the intent and mission of the CASF program.

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The Nevada County Board of Supervisors strongly urges the California Public Utilities Commission to act in approval of this transfer.

Sincerely,

Richard Anderson
Chair, Board of Supervisors