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Dear Sir or Madame;

I am writing on behalf of the small community on Eagle Lake, in the Chilcotin outback of British Columbia. Our community consists of thirty one residences. Twenty one of these have access to hydro poles, and four more could be easily added on in the near future.

We are situated six kilometers from a fiber optic line recently installed on highway 20 to Tatla Lake, and are approximately 12 kilometers east of Tatla Lake. There is an optic joint where our hydro line leaves the optic carrying line to Tatla Lake.

A resident here has previously had contact with Telus and she was informed that approximately \$169,000 would be needed to acquire telephone access. This amount would be totally prohibitive for most of us, without some assistance, even with full participation. This amount also seems excessive for this distance.

In closing, there is much enthusiasm in the possibility of receiving phone service, but we all agree it needs to be accomplished at an affordable cost. We are now in the 21 Century and it seems inconceivable that an area this accessible still has no basic phone service. We would appreciate your consideration.

Yours truly
David Yeatman