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Timothy Wahba  
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Dear Mr. Wahba:

I read, with interest, a story that appeared today, October 27, on the PRWeb site concerning AlphaStar's application for broadband funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

While I appreciate your company's enthusiastic reception to our office's mention of AlphaStar in our correspondence back to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), I want to take this opportunity to clarify a couple of points from the letter.

As it is stated in the letter to NTIA, many of the review panel members focused their comments on applications that benefit Connecticut residents and, in some cases, benefit Connecticut businesses. AlphaStar's application was one of the ten applications out of the group of 70 reviewed by the panel with a direct link or connection to Connecticut. The company's business office is in Greenwich, it operates a facility in Oxford and the proposed approach would benefit residents in this state.

These are the primary factors AlphaStar was included in our recommendation letter to NTIA – along with nine other Connecticut-based projects. What is also true is that Connecticut "strongly supports" broadband initiatives that will further academic achievement, strengthen public safety operations, increase broadband access and improve the lives of Connecticut residents. AlphaStar's proposed project would be part of a comprehensive approach to achieve these broader initiatives.

It should be pointed out that the panel did not single out any one proposal over the others or rank them in any particular order. AlphaStar's proposal appearing second on the list was not the result of any ranking or prioritization and by no means an indication of support of AlphaStar's project over the others.

Overall, the letter to NTIA is very general - simply indicating the panel's support for broadband funding of projects that are in some way connected to Connecticut. It should also be pointed out that while it is true that AlphaStar proposes to improve availability of broadband in unserved areas, it is not the only such application or proposal for Connecticut. Aspects of the state's Department of Information Technology's application, for example, seek to further broadband access in areas of the state - Northwest and Northeast Connecticut - that are typically considered unserved.

Again, while the enthusiastic response to our letter to NTIA is appreciated, I thought it important to clarify a few points raised in the PRWeb article.

As a general rule, we are hopeful that all Connecticut entities seeking Recovery Act funding - no matter the program - are successful with their applications, including AlphaStar and the nine other projects mentioned in the October 14<sup>th</sup> letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew R. Fritz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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