



October 5, 2023

Assumption Police Jury
4813 LA-1
Napoleonville, LA 70390

Re: ConnectLA GUMBO Hwy 70 Spur Fiber to the Home project update

Greetings Assumption Parish Police Jury

In 2021, you unanimously voted in support of Assumption Parish grant applications from the Louisiana Office of Broadband GUMBO ConnectLA grant program. While also serving as a partial sponsor, you should be commended for having the forethought to help improve broadband connectivity to residents of Assumption Parish. More information about the grant program can be seen at www.connectla.com.

In 2022, Project Application 151 was approved, and Cajun Broadband was awarded \$775,000 to provide fiber services to 249 homes and businesses in need along the Hwy 70 spur area. This project was one of eleven awarded to Cajun Broadband in six Louisiana parishes to service over 4,440 homes with 900,000 feet of fiber internet capable of speeds up to 10,000 Mbps.

Cajun Broadband was the first company to start and complete GUMBO projects and has completed three so far in St Martin and Iberia Parishes. Even with some delays in the grant process, Cajun Broadband continues to build out as quickly as possible. It is anticipated that Project 151 will begin in December 2023 and be completed approximately March 2024. Attached for reference is a map showing the project area. Potential customers can see the project's progress and pre-sign up for service at www.ready4fiber.com.

In 2024, there will be continued rounds of broadband grant funding opportunities through the ConnectLA office as the federal NTIA program has awarded almost \$1.4 billion dollars to reach every unserved resident and business in Louisiana.

Cajun Broadband will continue to apply for grants in Assumption Parish in the areas of need all the while seeking the advice and support from the Assumption Police Jury. We look forward to providing Assumption Parish residents with high quality, reliable internet services.

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Attachment A:

