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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Mr. P. Kelley Dunne
Chief Executive Officer
DigitalBridge Communications, LLC

Dear Mr. Dunne:

Subj: DEMONSTRATION OF WiMAX TECHNOLOGY

I greatly appreciate the time and effort DigitalBridge Communications has spent over the past several months helping Navy Installation Operations Command, Sugar Grove address our broadband needs. As you know, this is one of the Navy's most remote domestic assignments and the lack of any high speed connections has been of considerable concern to our sailors and their families. Our remote location poses special challenges for landline broadband installations that wireless solutions could mitigate.

DigitalBridge Communications has recommended deploying a wireless broadband network utilizing new WiMAX technology as the best solution to meet our broadband requirements. I am requesting DigitalBridge Communications conduct a demonstration of WiMAX technology at NIOC Sugar Grove to determine if it is economically and technically feasible for deployment. Following a successful demonstration, we plan to ask DigitalBridge Communications to determine the most efficient and cost-effective deployment strategy for NIOC Sugar Grove. The data obtained from this demonstration will benefit NIOC Sugar Grove and serve as a benchmark for deployment of WiMAX technology in other rural communities across the United States.

The availability of affordable high speed internet access is vitally important for rural communities, because it will provide economic development, job opportunities, and educational advancement. I look forward to a demonstration of WiMAX technology as soon as it is practical.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Steven L. Parode", is positioned below the "Sincerely," text.

STEVEN L. PARODE
Commander U.S. Navy
Commanding Officer