



February 12, 2024

Board of County Commissioners (BoCC), Klickitat County
205 S Columbus, Room 103
Goldendale, WA 98620

Submitted via email to: Bocc@KlickitatCounty.org

Re: Public Works Franchise Agreement with KlickNet

Dear Commissioners:

Please accept these comments regarding the Granting of a Franchise Agreement between Klickitat County and Klick Networks, LLC. This Franchise Agreement would allow Klick Networks, LLC to construct, maintain, and operate wires and other equipment upon, under, along and across various Klickitat County roads.

Access to affordable, and speedier, Internet is greatly needed in Klickitat County, especially for those in rural areas. While there may be internet accessible to most households in the Trout Lake area, much of what is affordable has extremely slow download/upload speeds with little or no opportunity to upgrade. Satellite Internet is available in our area, but the cost of such service is prohibitive, most especially for those with limited financial resources. I am sure other rural areas in our county are faced with these same challenges.

We encourage the County to continue to put emphasis on improving internet, and access to internet, in the county. We are supportive of the "Granting of the Franchise Agreement" with Klick Networks, LLC. We also are supportive of efforts towards pursuing Federal and State Grants associated with improving and/or expanding internet access in the rural areas of Klickitat County.

Thank you for considering our comments.

Respectfully,

DAINA L. BAMBE
Chair, Trout Lake Community Council

Cc: TLCC members

Bcc: TLCC agendas email list