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Subject: Follow up to my drop in call to the City of Stacy office.

Sharon and Michelle,

Thanks for taking the time to allow me to drop in on you and to have you listen to HomeTown Internet's plan for the City of Stacy.

I am providing the information below to see if you can share it with council members to see if we can arrange a personal introduction, no longer than 15 minutes, at the upcoming 2nd Tuesday meetings, in February.

Here is what I would like to say and introduce myself to the City Council.

Hi, I'm Sam with HomeTown Internet, we have been focusing on underserved communities that have unreliable internet if any at all. As you are aware, the internet is now considered vital infrastructure just like roads, electricity, phones, and rural mail delivery. A recent internet survey shows 80% of internet users want more speed and reliability. Why do they want this;

- if you're a small business, without reliable internet access you are at an extreme disadvantage.
- If you need medical attention many of the world-class leaders in the medical profession are serving communities via telemedicine.
- If you are a student at any level, K through 12, undergraduate or higher can no longer be without reliable access.

We are seeking an investment from the citizens of your community and it will be grouped with county and state funding to fill in the gaps of those who are not served with internet service. We understand every penny is important and that's why we have partnered with a world class organization that knows how to maximize your investment and provide you with the fastest possible solution in a timely manner. I can tell you more if you need more information prior to our meeting. But a presentation is best. Thank you.

Here is our website: www.hometowninternet.com

Sharon and Michelle, thanks in advance for your help.

All the best,

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