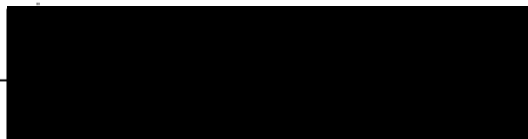


**Committee on Energy and Commerce**  
**U.S. House of Representatives**  
 Witness Disclosure Requirement - "Truth in Testimony"  
 Required by House Rule XI, Clause 2(g)(5)

<b>1. Your Name: Kurt J. Gruending</b>		
<b>2. Your Title: Vice President of Marketing and Business Development</b>		
<b>3. The Entity(ies) You are Representing: NTCA / Waitsfield and Champlain Valley Telecom</b>		
<b>4. Are you testifying on behalf of the Federal, or a State or local government entity?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No X</b>
<b>5. Please list any Federal grants or contracts, or contracts or payments originating with a foreign government, that you or the entity(ies) you represent have received on or after January 1, 2015. Only grants, contracts, or payments related to the subject matter of the hearing must be listed.</b>  WCVT was a recipient of a USDA Rural Utilities Service American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 Broadband Initiatives Program loan and grant in 2010.		
<b>6. Please attach your curriculum vitae to your completed disclosure form.</b>		

Signature:



Date:

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**Kurt Gruendling – Vice President of Marketing and Business Development**

Kurt joined Waitsfield and Champlain Valley Telecom (WCVT) in 1996. At WCVT, he is responsible for all facets of marketing, customer service, public relations, strategic planning, and new product and business development. Kurt holds a Bachelor of Science from S.U.N.Y. Plattsburgh, and a MBA from Monmouth University. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce and is a past Board member of the Mad River Valley Chamber of Commerce as well as past president of the Chambers Valley Economic Development Committee. Kurt currently serves on the Marketing and Public Relations Committee of NTCA – The Rural Broadband Association where he served as committee chairman and is past chairman of the Marketing Committee for the Organization for the Promotion and Advancement of Small Telecommunications Companies (OPASTCO). He is also a past board member and past president of the Vermont Telecom Advancement Center, and has taught business courses at the Community College of Vermont for more than 10-years.

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