NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR MERGER

NEK Broadband and CVFiber hereby give notice that a public hearing will be held on July 16, 2024, at 6:00 pm, both online and in several public locations (listed below), regarding the proposed merger between NEK Broadband and CVFiber.

Details of the Merger:

Parties Involved:

- NEK Broadband, 123 Red Barn Rd, Danville VT 05828.
- CVFiber, 29 Main St., Ste 4, Montpelier, VT 05602.

Nature of the Merger: Communications Union Districts (CUDs) NEK Broadband and CVFiber announce our proposal to join forces to unite resources, expertise, and a commitment to deliver exceptional high-speed internet services to our communities. This initiative reflects our shared vision of fostering digital equity, economic growth, and community development across the Northeast Kingdom and Central Vermont.

Public Hearing: A public hearing will be scheduled by each Communications Union District (CUD) for Tuesday July 16, 2024 at 6:00 pm EST. This will afford the member towns and residents an opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback.

Location Details: This will be a hybrid meeting with a TEAMS link (link and instructions below) and several physical locations:

NEK Broadband Office and Warehouse, 306 Meadow St, Brighton, VT NEK Broadband Office and Warehouse, 123 Red Barn Rd, Danville, VT Goodrich Memorial Library, 202 N Main St, Newport, VT PSD Giga Conference Room, 3rd floor, 112 State Street, Montpelier, VT

All interested parties are encouraged to attend the hearing. Individuals will have the opportunity to present their views, ask questions, and provide feedback regarding the proposed merger. Written comments may also be submitted prior to the hearing and should be addressed to Christa Shute, Executive Director, NEK Broadband <u>preliminarymerger@nekbroadband.org</u> or Jennille Smith, Executive Director, CVFiber <u>preliminarymerger@cvfiber.net</u>.

Additional Information:

Documents related to the proposed merger are available for public inspection at 123 Red Barn Rd, Danville, VT during regular business hours. Digital copies can be accessed on the NEK Broadband website at <u>https://nekbroadband.org/about-us/public-documents/</u> and the CVFiber website at <u>https://cvfiber.net/preliminary-merger-plan/</u>.

NEK Broadband and CVFiber encourages all community members to participate in the public hearing process to ensure that community interests are considered in the decision-making process.

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