May 21, 2025

ITEM 218-2301-R0525

<u>Request for Authorization to Grant a Utility Easement to Project Telephone Company, Inc.; Montana</u> <u>Agricultural Experiment Station</u>

THAT

Consistent with BOR Policy 1003.6, the Board of Regents of the Montana University System authorizes the Southern Agricultural Research Center to grant a utility easement to Project Telephone Company, Inc.

EXPLANATION

- 1. The Project Telephone Company is a Montana telecommunications corporation located in Worden, Montana.
- 2. The easement allows fiber optic/telecommunications upgrades and replacement of degraded copper to the Southern Agricultural Research Center and surrounding area in Huntley, Montana.
- 3. This request and the associated easement do not grant rights of way.
- 4. The easement benefits MSU and satisfies the requirements in BOR Policy 1003.6 by providing telecommunications upgrades to service the MSU Southern Agricultural Research Center, as well as any additional future development.
- 5. No state funds are requested as part of this easement.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment #1: Easement Exhibit