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### RESOLUTION NO. 09-08-04

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF GILA COUNTY, ARIZONA, IN SUPPORT OF THE SAN CARLOS APACHE TELECOM INC./TRIPLET MOUNTAIN COMMUNICATIONS INC. (SCATUI/TMCI) PROJECT TO PROVIDE TEN (10) MILES OF FIBER OPTIC CONNECTIVITY BETWEEN STATE ROUTE 77 AND THE PINAL SUBSTATION IN GILA COUNTY, ARIZONA.**

**WHEREAS**, Gila County's wide area network needs are based off the SACCNET (State of Arizona Counties Communications Network) design to provide county-to-county secure communications such as voice, video and data for emergency services-based communications; and,

**WHEREAS**, at present there are ten (10) miles that currently lack fiber optics to complete a fiber optics ring which connects rural communities throughout southeastern Arizona; and,

**WHEREAS**, the SCATUI/TMCI project would provide for the completion of an unfinished fiber optics ring and provide redundant, reliable broadband internet services to 18 rural communities in southeastern Arizona to include Gila County; and,

**WHEREAS**, should any portion of the fiber optics pathway be cut, redundancy built into the fiber optics ring would ensure continuous and reliable broadband access to about 58,000 rural Arizona residents; and,

**WHEREAS**, completion of the SCATUI/TMCI project will enhance the services currently being provided by Gila County's wide area network.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Gila County Board of Supervisors supports the SCATUI/TMCI project.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August 2009, at Globe, Gila County, Arizona.

**ATTEST:**

**GILA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

*Marian Sheppard* Chief Deputy  
for Steven L. Besich, Clerk  
*Shirley L. Dawson*  
Clerk Shirley L. Dawson, Chairman

