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#### **Statement on Data Stream Mobile Technologies, Inc.**

**Warrenton, Virginia** – Today the County and the Fauquier County Broadband Authority (FCBA) were made aware that Data Stream Mobile Technologies, Inc. (Data Stream) notified its subscribers claiming the County defaulted on the 2019 Memorandum of Understanding (agreement) between the parties. The County and FCBA over the course of the last year have made numerous attempts to work with Data Stream to address the deficiencies in Data Stream's performance under the terms of the agreement, in a manner that would ensure that subscribers would not lose service. To this end, the County and FCBA held off on officially terminating the agreement after notice was provided to Data Stream that they were in violation of terms of the agreement. The County continues its efforts to work with Data Stream to resolve those concerns and ensure that citizens were provided the intended levels of service under the agreement.

Under the terms of the agreement, the County and FCBA had the ability to force Data Stream off several County-owned towers upon which they are located free of charge or to terminate Data Stream's use of transmission equipment owned by the FCBA that Data Stream continues to use to this day. In February 2022, the County and FCBA were made aware that subscribers were provided a notice of increased monthly service rates. This notice and increase are in violation of the agreement. The County and FCBA provided notice to Data Stream of this violation, which again would allow the County to terminate the agreement and require repayment by Data Stream of previously provided incentive payments to Data Stream by the Fauquier County Economic Development Authority. In addition, the County and FCBA requested to establish a new MOU to ensure the provision of service to our citizens in good faith and under mutually agreeable terms.

The County Board of Supervisors and Fauquier County Broadband Authority has attempted to ensure provision of service to our citizens by the contractor, which included multiple attempts to meet with Data Stream to resolve these issues. The County and FCBA will continue to make all reasonable efforts to require this private business to fulfill its obligations under the terms of the agreement while continuing to provide services to citizens of the County.

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