

Public Notice Submission

Provider Name: Eastex Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Summary: Eastex Telephone Cooperative, Inc. estimates there are 91 Community Anchor Institutions in its service area of which 38 have DSL service. Low DSL subscriber count can be attributed to the schools and libraries use of HB 21.28 circuits (state supported Universal Service Fund T1) rather than DSL. In addition, the service area has several unmanned volunteer fire departments where DSL service is not justifiable and because such a large portion of the service area is extremely rural, customers choose not to subscribe to the DSL service offered. Eastex provides DSL service over the last mile of copper and provides no fiber to the premise.