

## **Public Notice Submission**

**Provider Name:** Albany Mutual Telephone Association

**Summary:** Albany Mutual Telephone Association (“AMTA”), a small rural cooperative and incumbent local exchange carrier, supplies video, voice, and data as well as other communications services for approximately 256 square miles and a total of three (3) telephone exchanges in rural central Minnesota. Since incorporating in March of 1951, AMTA serving area has included the three exchanges of Albany (845), Freeport (836), and New Munich (837) and the communities of St. Anthony, St. Rosa, and their surrounding areas. AMTA respectfully requests relief and seeks withdrawal of the enclosed proposed census tracts that fall within the boundaries of the AMTA telephone exchanges. AMTA owns and provides fiber optic cable broadband as well as DSL broadband services that are available to 100% of AMTA service territories including all three (3) exchanges and a total of 3,450 access lines. Broadband data services are offered at reasonable cooperative membership rates that remain competitive with other central Minnesota broadband providers. In addition, AMTA is actively engaged in their fourth year of construction improvements and is deploying Fiber-to-the-Home (FTTH) connectivity throughout 100% of their service area. With the continued rollout of FTTH, AMTA anticipates conversion of the majority of subscribers by the end of 2012. AMTA maintains that since high-speed service and broadband are readily available via their network offerings today that this proposed area and enclosed census tract data does not qualify for BTOP funding.