

Public Notice Submission

Provider Name: Atlantic Telephone Membership Corporation

Summary: ATMC is the incumbent local provider for the majority of Brunswick County, North Carolina and has invested significant capital in providing and assuring the individuals and businesses in its serving area have access to affordable, high speed broadband service. All residents in ATMC's service area have access to broadband service of at least 6mbps and a growing number of residents are served by fiber facilities with speeds up to 20mbps. Using the 2008 Census Estimates for Housing, we find that over 50% of all occupied housing units in ATMC's service area currently subscribe to ATMC's broadband service and 100% of all housing units in its service area have access to ATMC's broadband service with speeds of at least 6mbps. ATMC also serves the needs of commercial, educational and government entities through its fiber-based Metro-Ethernet services with more than sufficient bandwidth capacities. ATMC believes the granting of Federal Stimulus Funds for the purpose of expanding broadband services in its serving area would be an inappropriate use of government funds in that the goal of granting such funding has already been reached in ATMC's serving area. Additional comments:

ATMC supports the goal of MCNC's BTOP Round Two proposal of connecting Brunswick Community Colleges to the NC statewide higher education network. ATMC supports using such funds for building the connectivity to the fiber facilities in place and allowing grant and loan recipients to partner with providers that have already invested in the infrastructure.