

Public Notice Submission

Provider Name: Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Summary: Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. ("Farmers") offers this response to the Round 2 BTOP applications that propose projects in areas that overlap Farmers' existing incumbent service territory. There are 58 census tracts that are either completely or partially within Farmers' incumbent service territory, which is located in all or parts of Clarendon, Florence, Georgetown, Lee, Sumter and Williamsburg Counties in South Carolina. Farmers offers residential and business broadband services in several tiers with speeds ranging from 1.5 Mbps downstream / 512 Kbps upstream to 5.0 Mbps downstream / 2.0 Mbps upstream and 6.0 Mbps downstream / 800 Kbps upstream through xDSL and Fiber-to-the-Premises technology. 99% of the households and businesses in Farmers' incumbent service territory have access to broadband services. There are 190 Community Anchor Institutions in Farmers' incumbent service territory that subscribe or could subscribe to broadband services. All have access to Fiber-to-the-Premises facilities. Farmers also has 17 Point of Presence locations where requesting carriers or third-party providers can purchase Middle Mile transport services at speeds of up to 1 Gbps.