

Public Notice Submission

Provider Name: Haxtun Telephone Company

Summary: Haxtun Telephone Company, established in 1900, serves over 1,600 lines in 5 counties in northeastern Colorado. The commercial and plant offices are located in Crook, Fleming, and Haxtun, Colorado. Haxtun Telephone Company serves a predominantly rural economic base centered on agriculture. Backed by over a century of local service, Haxtun Telephone Company is a powerhouse of telecommunications technology. Haxtun Telephone Company strives to bring its customers the latest and most advanced telecommunications products and services. Haxtun Telephone Company has invested considerably in fiber infrastructure over the past decade to connect each exchange central office to the company's main access points enabling the company to deploy broadband services to these remote rural areas. Haxtun Telephone Company historically has taken advantage of the Rural Utilities Services financing programs as a means to invest in this infrastructure build out. Haxtun Telephone Company's current construction activities involves deploying more fiber facilities to all node locations in order to meet their goal of being the premier broadband provider. As a part of Haxtun Telephone Company's commitment to provide bandwidth services to its customers, the company has obtained first mile commitments in order to support these services. Haxtun Telephone Company demonstrates that it provides broadband service throughout a large portion of its entire service area located in Colorado, which is included in the proposed funded Service Area in some BTOP applications and that Haxtun Telephone Company's service area is not unserved or underserved. Almost all of the households in Haxtun Telephone Company's service area are able to readily subscribe upon request to facilities-based, terrestrial broadband services at a minimum transmission speed of greater than 768 kbps downstream and 200 kbps upstream from Haxtun Telephone Company; Almost all of the households in Haxtun Telephone Company's service area have access to facilities-based, terrestrial broadband service at greater than the minimum broadband transmission speed as set forth in the definition of broadband; Haxtun Telephone Company advertises broadband service at broadband transmission speeds of at least 3 megabits per second downstream throughout its service area; and the rate of broadband subscribership in Haxtun Telephone Company's service area is greater than 40 percent of households. Based on the foregoing, Haxtun Telephone Company has demonstrated that all claims that the proposed funded service area which overlaps Haxtun Telephone Company's service area is [unserved/underserved] is not correct. Further, because such a large percentage of households in Haxtun Telephone Company's service area are able to readily subscribe upon request to facilities-based, terrestrial broadband services at a minimum transmission speed of greater than 768 kbps downstream and 200 kbps upstream from Haxtun Telephone Company, the proposed funded service area that overlaps Haxtun Telephone Company's service area is not underserved.