

Public Notice Submission

Provider Name: West Carolina Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Summary: The request of any applicant to build facilities in West Carolina Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. service area should not be considered for funding because, as shown in the attached worksheets, West Carolina Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. currently provides sufficient high-speed broadband internet service in the pertinent Census blocks/tracts. Specifically, 100% of households have broadband available. In addition to services being provided by other carriers operating in the area, West Carolina Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc., alone, serves 42% of households throughout our service area. The highest available speeds are 10 Mbps downstream and 3 Mbps upstream, which exceed the minimum threshold set forth in the Notice of Funds Availability ("NoFA") published by NTIA for Round 2 BTOP funding. Moreover, West Carolina Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. provides broadband services at competitive market rates, as demonstrated by our significant subscriber penetration rates. Additionally, applications proposing to provide service in our territory do not meet the NoFA's definition of "underserved" or "unserved" area.