

Public Notice Submission

Provider Name: SOMERSET TELEPHONE COMPANY

Summary: We are significantly concerned with applications that would duplicate existing services. For example, the University of Wisconsin System application ID # 5710 would duplicate offerings from existing private sector providers. This application would severely diminish the value of existing private sector investment. The service territories targeted in this applications are not un-served or underserved. The end sights contemplated in the UW System application are already receiving subsidized postal rates as a part of Wisconsin's existing BadgerNet system. Removing the anchor tenants from the existing BadgerNet system jeopardizes the viability of the existing private sector service providers. The removal of these anchor tenants limits the ability of local service providers to maintain or increase investment, the corresponding job creation, and benefits to the local economies and future job growth.