

Public Notice Submission

Provider Name: Tatum Telephone Company

Summary: Tatum Telephone Company, established in 1910, serves over 1,100 access lines in 2 counties in east Texas. The commercial and plant offices are located in Tatum, Texas . Tatum Telephone Company serves a predominantly rural economic base centered on agriculture, power, and mining companies. Backed by over a century of local service, Tatum Telephone Company is a powerhouse of telecommunications technology. Tatum Telephone Company strives to bring its customers the latest and most advanced telecommunications products and services. Tatum 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. Tatum Telephone Company historically has taken advantage of the Rural Utilities Services financing programs as a means to invest in this infrastructure build out. Tatum 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 Tatum Telephone Company 's commitment to provide bandwidth services to its customers, the company has obtained first mile commitments in order to support these services. Tatum Telephone Company demonstrates that it provides broadband service throughout its entire service area located in Texas, which is included in the proposed funded Service Area in some BTOP applications and that Tatum Telephone Company's service area is not unserved or underserved. 100% of the households in Tatum 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 Tatum Telephone Company; 100% of the households in Tatum 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; Tatum 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 Tatum Telephone Company's service area is greater than 40 percent of households. Based on the foregoing, Tatum Telephone Company has demonstrated that all claims that the proposed funded service area which overlaps Tatum Telephone Company's service area is [unserved/underserved] is not correct. Further, because 100% of households in Tatum 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 Tatum Telephone Company, the proposed funded service area that overlaps Tatum Telephone Company's service area is not underserved.