

Public Notice Submission

Provider Name: Hardy Telecommunications, Inc.

Summary: Hardy Telecommunications is a member-owned, nonprofit telephone cooperative serving Hardy County, West Virginia for over fifty years. Hardy offers a full range of Broadband services today, utilizing DSL and wireless technologies, at speeds ranging from 768-Kbps to 6-Mbps within its serving area. Hardy is a recipient of a BTOP Middle Mile Infrastructure award for deployment of a redundant, high-capacity fiber-optic Middle Mile ring within Hardy County and fiber connectivity to critical community facilities and community anchor institutions. Upon completion of the network, estimated to be in 2012, Hardy will offer affordable, reliable high-capacity Middle Mile services up to 1-Gbps symmetrical, and higher upon request. Overbuilding Hardy's existing network and BTOP-funded Middle Mile network would create overlapping networks and incur unnecessary Recovery Act-funded capital expenditures. In addition, on March 29, 2010 Hardy submitted a Last Mile infrastructure application to the Broadband Initiatives Program of RUS to deploy an all Fiber to the Home network and advanced telecommunications, broadband and video services within Hardy County.