

Public Notice Submission

Provider Name: Hillsboro Telephone Company, Inc.

Summary: Hillsboro Telephone serves the census tracts which are documented in this filing. These areas are not unserved nor underserved by definition. Awarding stimulus funds in these areas would duplicate facilities already in place. This duplication is not a wise expenditure of public funds. Not only would it diminish any government investment or subsidy already in place, it would diminish the worth of private sector investment as well. This is opposite any goals set forth in the ARRA. The duplication of facilities also jeopardizes the viability of existing service providers, jobs, and sustainable economic stability. Hillsboro Telephone has invested funds to provide a high speed network to our consumers. This network meets and exceeds the speeds listed as the minimum in the NOFA 2. There is also established competition in this area. The intent of the ARRA was to bolster the economy and create jobs. If "free" money is given to companies where service already exists, it will deter the investment from existing providers and have the exact opposite effect on rural areas.