

Public Notice Submission

Provider Name: Tekstar Communication Inc. (TCS)

Summary: Tekstar Communications, Inc. ("TCS") dba Arvig Communication Systems ("ACS") is a small rural operator providing video, voice, and data as well as other communications services in rural central Minnesota. Since incorporation in 1998, TCS serviceable area includes portions of Becker, Beltrami, Cass, Clay, Hubbard, Mahnomen, Norman, Ottertail, Todd, and Wadena Counties with significant subscribership in the communities of Detroit Lakes, Hawley, Staples, and Wadena. TCS respectfully requests relief and seeks withdrawal of the enclosed proposed census tracts that fall in line with TCS service area. TCS owns and provides fiber optic cable broadband as well as DSL broadband services that are available to 100% of the number of households passed. Broadband services are offered at reasonable rates that remain competitive with other broadband providers throughout central Minnesota. In addition, as an ACS family company, ongoing construction improvements continuously increase the quality of plant and serviceability of area subscribers. As new technologies become available and are implemented, broadband and data connectivity continue to advance according to subscriber demand. TCS maintains that since high-speed service and broadband are readily available via current network offerings that these proposed areas and the enclosed census tract data does not qualify for BTOP funding.