

Public Notice Submission

Provider Name: Hill Country Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Summary: Census tracts represent larger or different geographic areas than our Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) exchanges as well as our Competitive Local Exchange Carrier (CLEC) subsidiaries, and therefore do not reflect an accurate representation of our specific serving areas. In our specific situation, one to five census tracts cover entire counties, only portions of which align with our serving areas. Geographic areas with our exchange areas and third party providers reside in the same census tracts. Therefore, we can only respond regarding the portions of the areas we serve. This data will be misleading unless combined with adjacent / additional service providers in the same tracts.

We would like it noted that in our ILEC and CLEC subsidiary serving areas, we provide broadband service or have the ability to provide broadband service to all critical community facilities. In our un-served ILEC areas, no critical community facilities exist. In some tracts, our internal data regarding actual household count exceed the 2000 census and is reflected as such. It should be further noted that Hill Country Telephone Cooperative is in the midst of an aggressive 3 Year Constuction Plan to bring Broadband Services via fiber and/or ADSL2+ to approximately 85% of its member households. In Round 2 of the ARRA Stimulus Grant Process, the Cooperative, on 3/29/2010, submitted a Broadband Infrastucture Program (BIP) Project that addressed the majority of the remaining 15% member households. If we are granted our Round 2 Application, our ILEC territory within the following census tracts will then be satisfied at 90% or higher availability of 5Mbps combined Broadband: 48019980200, 48137950100, 48171950200, 48265960700, 48265960300, 48265960800, 48319950200, 48325990200, 48385950100.