

## **Public Notice Submission**

**Provider Name:** Western Telephone Company

**Summary:** Western Telephone Company serves the census tracts which are documented in this filing. These areas are not unserved nor underserved by definition. Awarding 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. Western Telephone Company has invested funds to provide a high speed network to our customers. There is also established competition in these areas.