

Public Notice Submission

Provider Name: Consolidated Telephone Company

Summary: Consolidated Telephone Company ("CTC"), a small rural cooperative telephone carrier providing telephone, internet, video, and other communications services, covering approximately 1000 square miles within ten (10) ILEC and four (4) CLEC exchanges in rural central Minnesota. CTC serving area includes portions of Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd, and Wadena Counties. CTC respectfully requests relief and seeks withdrawal of the enclosed proposed census tracts that fall within the boundaries of their operating ILEC and competitive CLEC service territories. CTC owns and provides fiber optic cable broadband as well as DSL and Fixed Wireless services that are available to 100% of CTC service territories today including all fourteen (14) exchanges. Broadband services are offered at reasonable rates that remain competitive with other broadband providers throughout central Minnesota. In addition, CTC is actively engaged in improving these services by deploying Fiber-to-the-Home (FTTH) connectivity throughout 100% of their ILEC service area. This initiative is being funded by an approved Rural Utilities Service traditional loan in the total amount of \$49, 644,000.00. With the continued rollout of FTTH, CTC anticipates conversion of the majority of subscribers by the end of 2013. Therefore, CTC believes, in good faith, that the entirety of their ILEC and CLEC service territories including the enclosed proposed census tracts, does not qualify for BTOP funding.