South Carolina 2022 ARPA 1.0 Proioirty Area SLFRF Comment Form



<u>*ONE form per project*</u>

ORS is NOT accepting any revisions to Grant Applications during the Comment Period. However, all ISPs are welcomed to comment on their own Grant Application(s) to notify ORS of any scrivener's error(s) that may exist. All comments will be published on the ORS website.

1. Commenter's Name	Denny Thompson
2. Commenter's Email	Denny.Thompson@hometelco.com
3. Commenter's Phone	843-761-9173
4. Applicant Parent Organization Name	Home Telecom
5. Applicant Legal Entity Name	Home Telephone Company, Inc.
6. Application Project Number	HTC-02
7. Application Project Name	SC ARPA-02
REQUIRED 8. Is this a comment for a revision of your own ARPA 1.0 Grant Application (Yes/No)	NO
9. Do you have documentation and/or evidence to submit to the SC Broadband Office which supports your position?	YES

10. Application Comments

Re: NTI-07

Project Name: HH-SR-FTTX2022

Many of the census blocks located within the Sandridge area of NTINet, Inc.'s SFRF application are either served or in the process of being served by Home Telecom as part of the USDA's ReConnect project. The attached map, labeled as Exhibit A, demonstrates where Home Telecom is building fiber-to-the-home broadband compared to where NTINet Inc.'s application proposes to build. Shapefiles can be provided upon request. Construction in this area is well underway. Once complete, approximately 95% of the census blocks within NtInet, Inc.'s application will be served by the end of 2024 under the ReConnect project. The approval of NTINet Inc.'s application for the census blocks located within the Sandridge area of Berkeley County means this area will be overbuilt with funding that could be used in other unserved areas of rural South Carolina