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A new public comment has been received on **301481**. The comment and contact information are listed below.

Comment

Dear Chief Information Officer, This is a notice of misfiling by Windstream in their Iowa Broadband Grant Application process, number 301481. Our small telephone company borders Windstream in eastern Iowa on three sides. Since the advent of the Census Block process, it is clear that our Iowa Utility Board certified territories cross Census Blocks in many instances. It is an arduous process, but we have identified at least two Census Blocks in our territory that Windstream has listed. We are not sure if there are many more, but with such little time, it is important to make this comment. The Preston Telephone Company services 250 sq miles in southeastern Jackson and northeastern Clinton counties. The maps offered in the Windstream application are far from specific, but, again, Windstream borders us on three sides. We have offered 25/5 internet speeds to all of our customers for several years. The Census Blocks Windstream lists that offer 10/1 speeds or less include some of our territory. Their application should be questioned further before approved to be assured that they properly represent the territories they propose to improve. Thank you for your consideration of this matter. Mary Beth Heister Preston Telephone Company 111 N Anna St Preston, Iowa 52069 563-689-3811

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