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A new public comment has been received on **331023**. The comment and contact information are listed below.

Comment

West Iowa Telephone Company, dba WesTel Systems, has been building Fiber to the Premise (FTTP) to customers in our 6 exchanges beginning in 2010. We constructed FTTP using Active Ethernet to all urban customers allowing them to receive symmetrical Internet speeds up to 1 Gigabit per second. The rural customers are being constructed using a combination of Active Ethernet and GPON service. With GPON technology, it is possible for our customers to receive 100Mbps symmetrical Internet service. FTTP construction to the rural customers in our Anita exchange (located in Cass and Audubon county) will begin fall 2019 and we will complete the construction of FTTP to all rural Anita customers in 2020. When complete, we will have at least 100Mbps to all our customers. These FTTP builds have been 100% financed with internal funds. Attached is a map that shows the overlap in census blocks for which grant funding is being sought. Also attached is a detailed listing of the overlapping census blocks. Customers in these census blocks are currently served with Internet speeds of up to 20Mbps. In areas that WesTel already has plans to build FTTP offering 100Mbps service, using internal funds, we would request discretion in granting these awards.

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**Dispute Census Blocks 11-1-19.xlsx**

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