

Sharon Telephone Company (STC) had been involved in providing service to the southern part of the area by providing fixed wireless access. In 2015, STC made the decision to sell this area to another provider in the area. Since the sale, STC has been approached by a number of subscribers in this area stating that they are unable to receive adequate internet service and asking if STC could provide improved service to this area. STC has also heard from Dish Network subscribers asking for higher speeds that would allow them to stream videos. In addition, there are also a number of residents in this area that are unable to receive any type of service due to their locations. These locations are situated behind hills and areas of heavy vegetation which blocks the microwave signals. The local provide is unable to provide any type of Digital Subscriber Line (DSL) service to these areas due to the distance limitation of the technology. By installing a fiber optic infrastructure in these areas, STC will be able to provide high speed broadband service to residents that are currently receiving poor or no service at this time.