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As a rural consumer, I cannot respond to most of the regulatory questions you pose in your request for comment. I can only testify that every time I've asked about having my house hooked up to internet service, I'm told that it would not be profitable for the provider to extend their infrastructure to my area. This is despite the fact that I can SEE the fiber-optic cable running between two larger communities from my front porch. (One community is seven miles North, the other five miles South of my house.) I've been told that the cable is not an access point, and that I'd have to be closer to a "node" to hook up. I've offered to host this node on my property, whatever it is, and my offer was kind of laughed off.

I'm not in an inaccessible area of the country. Every other rural utility serves my home with no complaint. I find it very frustrating that my neighbors in all directions can enjoy this service, but because I don't live "in town," I'm stuck using my Verizon phone to access the internet at a steep cost and with a very restrictive data limit.

Because of this situation, many current "work from home" options are unavailable to me, as they require "telephony" or streaming video access (which uses much more data than I am allotted.) My language skills would make me an excellent candidate for video tutoring or translation, or I could work on a phone support line or even in sales. Currently I am under-employed and commuting 25 miles each way to my part-time job. Internet work-from-home options would be a perfect supplementary income with no commuting expenses and flexible hours that I can work in around my ranch chores.

Please, find some way to make establishing rural infrastructure profitable to communications companies. This is the only way they will ever be motivated to serve "small ticket" customers like myself, who need them most.

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