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Subject: We have been promised fiber for 30 years (Information Superhighway) and gave these monopolies \$1 trillion in subsidies

"NTIA seeks comment from the public on this proposed guidance, including on mechanisms that ensure compliance with BEAD obligations for LEO capacity subgrants and alternative reimbursement structures for LEO capacity subgrants. If you wish to provide comment to NTIA, please submit to <<mailto:BEAD@ntia.gov?subject=>> BEAD by midnight ET on September 10, 2024."

BEAD gods,

Rather than bore you with a long email rant, TLDR, I have attached some of my numerous writings on the subject of broadband and fiber broadband in specific.

Broken it up into bite size pieces so to speak. These are my ideas and insights formed over thirty years on working to bridge the digital divide for urban and rural people.

Coping out with fixed wireless light of sight broadband, or satellite (from a crazy person) will only maintain the inequality for rural customers like myself and resign us to second class citizenship status for generations to come. Fiber is HOPE, and hope is what we desperately need in this county.

No one ever told farmers that electricity was too expensive so they could not have it. Our ancestors just found a way to get it done. See attached, and learn.

Mike