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Program Name:	Virginia Telecommunications Initiative 2022								
Organization Name:	Roanoke County								
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Project Location:	5925 Cove Road Roanoke, VA 24019-2403								
Project Service Area:	Roanoke County								
Total Requested Amount: \$490,000.00									

Required Annual Audit Status: Accepted

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Budget Information:														
Cost/Activity Category	DHCD Request	Other Funding	Total											
Telecommunications	\$490,000.00	\$510,000.00	\$1,000,000.00											
Other: Shenandoah Universal Coverage	\$490,000.00	\$510,000.00	\$1,000,000.00											
Total:	\$490,000.00	\$510,000.00	\$1,000,000.00											

Budget Narrative:

This one of several projects submitted to achieve universal coverage in the County of Roanoke. This project will bring high speed to 177 homes in rural areas of the County.

### **Questions and Responses:**

#### 1. Project Description and Need

Describe why and how the project area(s) was selected. Describe the proposed geographic area including specific boundaries of the project area (e.g. street names, local and regional boundaries, etc.). Attach a copy of the map of your project area(s). Label map: Attachment 1 – Project Area Map.

#### Answer:

Rural areas of Roanoke County have been in need of broadband connectivity for many years. An increasing number of requests from citizens over the years have brought much attention to these areas of the County. There are 396 homes without access to broadband internet speeds in the areas of the County covered in this project.

This proposed project fits into our larger plan to achieve universal broadband coverage for Roanoke County. Roanoke County supports the Commonwealth Connect efforts to bring functional universal broadband to Virginia. And we are focused on digital equity and making broadband affordable for all.

A citizen-based High-Speed Internet Survey was launched in December 2019 to give citizens a way to self-report where minimum broadband speeds are TRULY availability at street level. Along with an online survey promoted by Roanoke County, 10,250 printed survey postcards were mailed to targeted areas of the County, with an additional 14,000 printed survey postcards distributed to the homes of Roanoke County students through a partnership with Roanoke County Schools. A total of 2,608 surveys were returned which allowed staff to map citizen responses and target the unserved area of the County as described below.

2. List existing providers in the proposed project area and the speeds offered. Please do not include satellite. Describe your outreach efforts to identify existing providers and how this information was compiled with source(s).

#### Answer:

1. The County of Roanoke conducted extensive outreach in the form of citizen surveys and direct contact with citizens in the area. Roanoke County provides a data collection tool with feedback loops where citizens report lack of broadband service, the most recent version is:

https://www.roanokecountyva.gov/FormCenter/CommIT-22/Broadband-Comments-133

The county also refers to the I3 connectivity explorer https://internet-is-infrastructure.org/

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https://broadbandusa.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?

USDA ReConnect maps, and FCC CAF 2 maps to determine coverage; then follows up with requests to service providers asking for service availability.

List existing providers in the proposed project area and the speeds offered. Please do not include satellite. Describe your outreach efforts to identify existing providers and how this information was compiled with source(s).

Wireless 4G Broadband Providers

**Company Name** 

### **Download Speed**

AT&T MOBILITY

768 Kbps - 1.5 Mbps

NTELOS

768 Kbps - 1.5 Mbps

SPRINT

768 Kbps - 1.5 Mbps

T-MOBILE

768 Kbps - 1.5 Mbps

US CELLULAR

768 Kbps - 1.5 Mbps

VERIZON WIRELESS

768 Kbps - 1.5 Mbps

Wireless LTE Broadband Providers

### **Company Name**

**Download Speed** 

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AT&T MOBILITY

Minimum 4 Mbps

**T-MOBILE** 

Minimum 4 Mbps

US CELLULAR

Minimum 4 Mbps

VERIZON WIRELESS

Minimum 4 Mbps

### Wireline (DSL) Broadband Providers

**Company Name** 

**Download Speed** 

VERIZON VIRGINIA LLC

Maximum 5 Mbps

3. Describe if any areas near the project have received funding from federal grant programs, including but not limited to Connect America Funds II (CAF II), ACAM, ReConnect, Community Connect, and Rural Digital Opportunity Funds (RDOF). If there have been federal funds awarded near the project area(s), provide a map showing these areas, verifying the proposed project area does not conflict with these areas. Do not include areas awarded to satellite broadband providers. Label Map: Attachment 2 – Documentation on Federal Funding Area.

#### Answer:

There are no Federal grant Programs available in this proposal.

4. Describe if any blocks awarded in Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF), excluding those awarded to satellite internet service providers, are included in the VATI application area. If RDOF areas awarded to terrestrial internet service providers are included in the VATI application, provide a map of these areas and include information on number of passings in RDOF awarded areas within the VATI application area, and Census Block Group ID number for each block group in the project area. Label Attachment: Attachment 3 – RDOF Awarded Areas Form in VATI Area

#### Answer:

There are no RDOF awards in the project area

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5. Overlap: To be eligible for VATI, applicants must demonstrate that the proposed project area(s) is unserved. An unserved area is defined as an area with speeds below 25/3 mbps and with less than 25% service overlap within the project area for wireless projects and 10% for wireline projects. Describe any anticipated service overlap with current providers within the project area. Provide a detailed explanation as to how you determined the percentage overlap. Label Attachment: Attachment 4 – Documentation Unserved Area VATI Criteria.

#### Answer:

Our project area is unserved as each section is in rural part of the County where current speeds are less than 10 Mbps Down / 1 Mbps Up. We used a combination of the FCC Maps, USDA Reconnect Maps, BroadbandNow.com, and the citizen broadband reports we collected to determine this. For each citizen broadband report we received we followed up with the citizen(s) inquiring if they had checked with other providers.

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Total Passings: Provide the number of total serviceable units in the project area. Applicants are encouraged to prioritize areas lacking 10 Megabits per second download and 1 Megabits per second upload speeds, as they will receive priority in application scoring. For projects with more than one service area, each service area must have delineated passing information. Label Attachment: Attachment 5 – Passings Form.
 a. Of the total number of VATI passings, provide the number of residential, business, non-residential, and community anchors in the proposed project area. (Up to 10 points for businesses and community anchor institutions)

b. If applicable, of the total number of RDOF passings, provide the number of residential, business, non-residential, and community anchors in the proposed project area.

c. If applicable, provide the number of passings that will require special construction costs, defined as a one-time fee above normal service connection fees required to provide broadband access to a premise. Describe the methodology used for these projections.

d. If applicable, provide the number of passings included in the application that will receive broadband access because special construction costs have been budgeted in the VATI application. Describe the methodology used for determining which passings with special construction costs were budgeted in the application.

e. Provide the number of passings in the project area that have 10/1 mbps or less. Describe the methodology used for these projections. (up to 15 points)

#### Answer:

a. 177

b. 0

c. There are 118 homes included with fiber drops in excess of 300 feet. Based on historical FTTH builds in unserved and underserved areas, Shentel assumed that 65% of homes requiring long-drops will take service. The costs for that 65% of the fiber long drops is reflected in the overall cost of the project and captured in the cost breakout in Attachment 13. In order to create as comprehensive a project as possible, Shentel included unserved homes within 2,000 feet of their fiber route as part of this project and included the necessary cost to serve these homes with long drops above standard installation rates. Of the 65% of long drops anticipated to take service, an estimated of them are estimated to be low to moderate income households.

### d. 118 (long drops)

e. 177 -Our project area is unserved as each section is in rural part of the County where current speeds are less than 10 Mbps Down / 1 Mbps Up. We used a combination of the FCC Maps, USDA Reconnect Maps, BroadbandNow.com, and the citizen broadband reports we collected to determine this. For each citizen broadband report we received we followed up with the citizen(s) inquiring if they had checked with other providers.

7. For wireless projects only: Please explain the ownership of the proposed wireless infrastructure. Please describe if the private co-applicant will own or lease the radio mast, tower, or other vertical structure onto which the wireless infrastructure will be installed.

#### Answer:

N/A

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8. Speeds: Describe the internet service offerings, including download and upload speeds, to be provided after completion of the proposed project. Detail whether that speed is based on dedicated or shared bandwidth, and detail the technology that will be used. This description can be illustrated by a map or schematic diagram, as appropriate. List the private co-applicant's tiered price structure for all speed offerings in the proposed project area, including the lowest tiered speed offering at or above 25/3 mbps. (up to 10 points)

#### Answer:

As already noted, this project will adopt a full FTTH architecture. The below table lays out the speeds and prices for the different service tiers. These prices represent a current status and may change over time.

The fiber to the home network will use shared bandwidth. In the FTTH architecture, customers will share a 10Gpbs port amongst 64 customers. The network is scalable and will be able to upgrade to 32 customers per 10Gbps port in the near future.

9. Network Design: Provide a description of the network system design used to deliver broadband service from the network's primary internet point(s) of presence to end users, including the network components that already exist and the ones that would be added by the proposed project. Provide a detailed explanation of how this information was determined with sources. Provide information on how capacity for scalability, or expansion, of how the network can adapt to future needs. If using a technology with shared bandwidth, describe how the equipment will handle capacity during peak intervals. For wireless projects, provide a propagation map for the proposed project area with a clearly defined legend for scale of map. Label Map: Attachment 6 – Propagation Map Wireless Project.

#### Answer:

### **Overview**

Shentel intends to extend a new fiber network in Roanoke County in support of its residential Fiber to the Premise (FTTP) service in Roanoke City. Just like its existing network, this FTTH network will be connected to Shentel's expansive multi-state fiber network with redundant Tier 1 peering points located in Ashburn, VA and Atlanta, GA.

Shentel deploys XGS-PON for its FTTP product. XGS-PON is an advanced standard for Passive Optical Networks (PON). This network can provide multi-gig speeds today and is scalable to support 10Gbps symmetrical data. As such it provides more than enough bandwidth to meet current needs and is able to scale up to stay ahead of demand for many years to come. By contrast, earlier PON networks are extremely limited in the amount of downstream and upstream capacity available to the end user. Although XGS-PON requires significant investment, the growing demand for symmetrical broadband makes the investment in XGS-PON the best choice. XGS-PON deployments are built around centralized fiber split topology and designed to allow a single fiber the ability to maintain an efficient point-to-multipoint broadband connection for multiple end users.

Shentel typically utilizes a dedicated fiber split from the Local Convergence Point (LCP) out to the Customer Premise. Each LCP is fed with feeder fiber from a Central Office (CO) or Point of Presence (POP). Shentel will leverage their existing PoP in Roanoke City. This robust fiber infrastructure allows us to accommodate commercial sales opportunities and provide improved service to businesses and community anchor institutions within the project area. A centralized fiber split also provides a more dedicated and direct approach to ensuring that fiber capacity, technology, and plant records can be easily managed.

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Primary Network Vendors - FTTP

<u>1.</u> LCP – Nokia 7360 Optical Line Terminal (OLT) - Each FTTP market is deployed with a dedicated Nokia 7360 OLT and connected back to Shentel's dedicated multiple 100Gbps core network that is powered by Cisco's NCS-55A/5501 platforms.

2. Optical Network System (ONS) - Cisco's ONS 15454 Series Multiservice Transport Platform and the Network Convergence System (NCS) 2000. The coherent ONS provides the transport layer of Shentel's backbone Network with 100Gbps and 200Gbps wavelengths.

3. Optical Fiber - Shentel will utilize G.625.D compliant optical fiber. Shentel's preferred suppliers are Commscope, Corning and OFS.

4. P-Route Core - Cisco's NCS-55A and NCS-5501 platforms. The Core network is composed of ten Core devices and two 100Gbps paths between each device. The dual 100Gbps architecture provides both physical diversity and resiliency if a network failure or fiber cut occurs. This is extended to the PE network as well. Each device interfaces with two separate P routers, which provides Shentel the best option for diversity.

5. PE-Route Distribution Network - Cisco's ASR-90xx and ASR-99xx platforms. The Distribution Network is made up of many platforms deployed throughout Shentel's service footprint. Although the Core is the primary element within Shentel's topology, it is the actual Distribution network that is the workhorse of the network.

#### Customer Premise Equipment - FTTP

At the Customer Premise, a Network Interface Device (NID) is placed on the outside of the residence to serve as a transition point between Outside Plant Fiber and Inside Plant Fiber. For FTTP broadband services, a Nokia XS-250X-A or Nokia XS-020X-A Optical Network Terminal (ONT) is utilized. Customers have the option of purchasing wall to wall WiFi service which utilizes a wireless mesh network to provide coverage and in home WiFi speeds nearing 1Gbps over WiFi and multi-gigabit when using cat 5.

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10. Explain how the proposed project achieves universal broadband coverage for the locality or fits into a larger plan to achieve universal broadband coverage for the locality. If applicable, explain the remaining areas of need in the locality and a brief description of the plan to achieve universal broadband coverage. (up to 50 points)

#### Answer:

Roanoke County is actively working to improve broadband connectivity throughout the community, as part of the "Connect Roanoke County to the World" Strategic Initiative outlined in the <u>County's 2016</u> <u>Community Strategic Plan</u>.

This year a regional partnership was formed between Roanoke, Botetourt, Franklin Counties, and the Roanoke Valley Broadband Authority. Local providers from Cox Communications, Comcast, B2X On-Line, Segra, Lumos, and Shenandoah Telecommunications all attended. Speakers from the Governors Office and from Revitalize Virginia made presentations to the group on the universal coverages plans of this years VATI Program.

Citizen can find additional information and express concerns at:

#### https://www.roanokecountyva.gov/ruralbroadband

#### 11. Project Readiness

Describe the current state of project development, including but not limited to: planning, preliminary engineering, identifying easements/permits, status of MOU or MOA, and final design. Prepare a detailed project timeline or construction schedule, identifying specific tasks, staff, contractor(s) responsible, collection of data, etc., and estimated start and completion dates. Applicants must include Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) or Memorandums of Agreement (MOAs) between applicants (drafts are allowable). Label Attachments: Attachment 7 – Timeline/Project Management Plan; Attachment 8 – MOU/MOA between Applicant/Co-Applicant; (up to 20 points)

#### Answer:

Based on Shentel's existing assets and relationships, this project is in a very favorable state of development. A high level network design is in place with the planned fiber routes. This network design is bolstered by Shentel's existing infrastructure, which will facilitate both project construction and management. Shentel's typical permitting and easement process is as follows.

- Shentel will complete a full detailed review of the planned fiber route to validate and refine the route to include determining feasibility, costs, and challenges for construction. Review will consist of Shentel personnel visually inspecting the entire planned fiber route. Shentel typically follows utility routes such as power or telephone, and permits with those utilities for new pole attachments when there is not existing Shentel attachments to allow for overlash.
- Shentel will adhere to the existing attachment guidelines and permit all utility pole owners for any overlash when required and for new pole attachments. For any utility pole that is located on private property and requires a new permit, Shentel would follow the Virginia and Federal codes that would allow Shentel to use existing like-kind utility easements. Shentel may engage the appropriate County staff for any questions that arise around such easements.
- VDOT permits would be submitted in those locations where Shentel plans to place fiber in the VDOT ROW. All other permits such as city, town, railroad, or VMRC would permitted as required.
- · Shentel will provide contact information to any agency that will be permitted for the project.

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Furthermore, Shentel's <u>long-term presence in Roanoke County[SF1]</u> and strong partnership with County staff, VDOT, and utility pole owners means that the needed easements and permitting processes are all well understood and can be processed in a timely manner. Shentel is already positioned with required attachment agreements with the existing pole owners and bond securities established with VDOT. Shentel's longstanding relationships with qualified contractors coupled with the large volume of both aerial and underground work Shentel has proposed across <u>Campbell, Bedford, and Franklin counties[SF2]</u> places Shentel in an ideal position to bid for these contracting resources.

Across its cable, fiber, and fixed wireless services, Shentel has expanded broadband service to over 58,000 homes in the last 12 months, and that number is constantly growing. This robust proven growth, along with Shentel's long history in Bedford County clearly demonstrates Shentel's ability to design and deploy a wide array of broadband networks.

Shentel estimates, in conjunction with its proposals in <u>Bedford, Campbell, and Franklin Counties[SF3]</u>, that the project will be completed within 24 months from contract execution, and requests to be allowed. A detailed project timeline can be found in attachment 7.

An MOU between Roanoke County and Shentel has been executed and can be found in Attachment 8 - MOU/MOA between Applicant/Co-Applicant.

The plan demonstrates a commitment to reach the 2022 completion date with a steady and phased-in process to include: creating project account, performing field survey for construction, completing Dominion Power pole application process, designing project, securing VDOT permits and private property easements, ordering project materials, setting power supply units, performing aerial and underground construction, activating the network, and releasing the addresses. Cox Communications personnel overseeing the planning and construction phases have thoroughly reviewed the project management plan and timeline to confirm that all resources are available to complete the project by the required time frame.

This project has passed engineering and financial commit stages and is approaching final design. Attachment 6 -

Timeline/Project Management Plan is included and identifies all tasks, staffing, contracting work, with estimated

start and completion dates.

12. Has the applicant or co-applicant received any VATI grants? If so, provide a list of these grants, with a detailed summary of the status of each.

#### Answer:

Shentel has applied for grants through both VATI and TRCC. In 2020, Shentel applied to VATI for three grants in Bedford, Campbell, and Franklin Counties. Shentel's application was not approved by VATI. Shentel used this experience to develop a better understanding of VATI's goals, and to develop a universal broadband plan for these counties for the 2021 VATI submission. Shentel is a trusted partner in the communities that we serve based on our history of delivering on our commitments, while always continuing to invest in our network, customer service, and community partnerships.

The following is a summary of Shentel's grant awards at the state level. All of the projects listed below deliver Internet, video, and phone through either a coax or fiber extension. The Internet speed packages offered in these extensions include a Gigabit option in addition to lower speed options.

In addition, Shentel has been awarded several grant awards directly with a locality (Campbell County and Albemarle County through CARES funding). All grants, both at the state, and local levels have been successfully closed out, and are delivering broadband to unserved locations.

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Project

County

**Funding Source** 

Award Date

Status

Walnut Run

Franklin

TRRC

6/6/2019

Active

Old Salem School Road

Franklin

VATI

7/21/2020

Active

Windy Gap

Franklin

TRRC

6/6/2019

Active

Burnt Chimney

Franklin

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6/6/2019 Active The Retreat Franklin CARES 12/25/20 In Process Parkway Ave Franklin CARES 12/25/20 In Process Cedar Bay Road Franklin CARES 12/25/20 In Process New Chapel

Campbell

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CARES	
12/25/20	
In Process	

The four active projects have seen incredible early success. In the projects that have been completed, Shentel has seen take rates from 30-70% less than year after project completion.

13. Matching funds: Complete the funding sources table indicating the cash match and inkind resources from the applicant, co-applicant, and any other partners investing in the proposed project (VATI funding cannot exceed 80 percent of total project cost). In-kind resources include, but are not limited to: grant management, acquisition of rights of way or easements, waiving permit fees, force account labor, etc. Please note that a minimum20% match is required to be eligible for VATI, the private sector provider must provide10% of the required match. If the private co-applicant cash match is below 10% of total project cost, applicants must provide financial details demonstrating appropriate private investment. Label Attachments: Attachment 9 - Funding Sources Table; Attachment 10 – Documentation of Match Funding

#### Answer:

The matching funds invested are listed in Attachment 9 - Funding Sources Table. Those funds include all of the costs for the project, including all of the planning, engineering, materials and labor for the installation of the facilities necessary for this project.

The matching funds also include the costs of identifying and acquiring any necessary easements.

As in-kind match, the County Finance staff will serve as the financial review team of the VATI grants. Bill Hunter will devote many hours of in-kind work in coordinating with ISP's on project delivery, reporting to the County Board of Supervisors, and preparing status reports to VATI and the public at large. <u>Approximately</u> <u>90% of Bill Hunter's job will be devoted to broadband resulting in a value add of approximately \$95,000</u>. Th e County permitting office will fast-track all ISP permitting submissions and will create a protocol to facilitate this process to ensure success with not only the County procedures but also any required coordination with VDOT. The goal will be to avoid lengthy processing delays understanding there may be a large volume of mapping and permitting data submitted. Finally, County GIS will continue to map the fiber and wireless builds as data is received to accurately portray the County and VATI investment in achieving universal coverage. These maps can also be used publicly to explain to citizens and businesses what ISPs are operating in their general vicinity.

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14. Leverage: Describe any leverage being provided by the applicant, co-applicant, and partner(s) in support of the proposed project. (up to 10 points)

#### Answer:

Beyond the leverage of using County resources and support for easements and working with VDOT, residents, and the power companies; the co-applicants plan to leverage strong relationships to provide distance learning and workforce training working with the Roanoke County Public Schools (RCPS) and Virginia Western Community College (VWCC).

We will also leverage support from our longstanding working relationship with the Roanoke Regional Commission. In addition, the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors appropriated funds in support of the program, coupled with dedicated time of at least 3 County staff to work on the resulting project. We are also leveraging existing resources which continue work on the five current projects funded by the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors bringing broadband to 350 homes in the County. The County regularly sponsors Civic League meetings where broadband needs are discussed. From those meetings, documents are created from the ideas and questions raised by the residents for use in any potential future projects and will be important assets for this new project and continue the Roanoke County goal for universal coverage.

15. Marketing: Describe the broadband adoption plan.

a. Explain how you plan to promote customer take rate, including marketing activities, outreach plan, and other actions to reach the identified serviceable units within the project area. Provide the anticipated take rate and describe the basis for the estimate. (up to 10 points)

b. Describe any digital literacy efforts to ensure residents and businesses in the proposed project area sufficiently utilize broadband. Please list any partnering organizations for digital literacy, such as the local library or cooperative extension office.

### Answer:

a. Shentel has a strong and constantly improving marketing strategy, driven by its expansive growth in recent years. Our marketing plan utilizes public relations, mass media, social media, digital advertising, direct mail, email, printed collateral and merchandising pieces. All of these tactics are reinforced by a robust website, a dedicated customer service team and Sales & Marketing representatives on the ground, in market.

Shentel's existing Fiber to the Home business involves many customer touchpoints both before and after construction. Before construction begins, Shentel uses staged digital and direct mail announcements to alert customers of the upcoming service. This advance notice serves to both alert residents to the service that will be available to them and to give them advance warning of impending construction.

Advertising then continues through the construction phase. These construction alerts and coming soon ads help to continue to keep residents aware of the reason for the construction work that may involve work in the rights of way or easements near their home. They also bolster awareness and excitement surrounding new services being delivered. Throughout this process, door to door sales will be employed to maintain clear communication with residents.

All contacts or pre-registrations that take place during and before the construction phase will then be followed up with after construction is complete and service is available. At that time, installations will begin, which will continue to drive increased awareness of available services. As time goes on, take rates will be closely monitored and further advertising will be developed and deployed as needed. Shentel believes 50% to 70% of the homes passed will subscribe to internet service within 5 years of availability. Shentel has seen

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similar take rates in underserved areas with their current offerings. In Frederick County, VA, for example Shentel has an area of prior unserved homes where they have seen a 69% take rate after 7 months of service being made available.

For the wireless drop component of the service that Shentel plans to make available, a more targeted advertising approach is taken. Shentel plans to promote customer take rate through an integrated marketing plan that utilizes multiple reinforcing tactics that are deployed well before & after a new coverage area goes "live".

- **30 60 days prior to launch:** PR outreach to local media outlets & social media posts on local pages announcing coverage areas that will soon be launched.
- **30 days prior to launch:** Digital ad campaign geo-fenced to focus on the coverage area, utilizing a "Coming Soon" theme. Social Media also shifts in its messaging to reinforce the digital ad messaging. Shentel targets mobile phones, tablets, laptops & traditional desktop computers within the coverage area. All ads link to the Beam website, where address serviceability may be checked and pre-registration can take place.
- At launch: Direct mail letters are sent, targeting serviceable households in the new coverage area. Digital ads, social media, online search terms, billboards, updated press release and local marketing representatives place flyers and signs in public areas and local businesses. Where possible, 30 second ads are run on small local radio stations that have tight broadcast coverage to the new Beam coverage area.
- **Post launch:** In the weeks and months that follow, a second direct mail campaign is launched targeting the new coverage area, digital ads and social media ads and posts continue, as does the placement of posters, flyers and yard stake signs and marketing materials in local businesses and other public gathering places. Local events are also researched to evaluate if they may provide a good venue to further drive awareness and interest in Beam.

For examples of marketing material and processes that Shentel employs in other markets today, see Attachments 15.

b. Roanoke County Public Libraries offer a wide range of free computer, Internet use and resource instruction to help people locate, evaluate, and use online resources. County libraries are vital centers for access to digital literacy and as library users continue to change, the Countylibraries continually evolve to meet the digital needs of our community.

Launchpads offer hours of interactive learning and play for children. There's even a section for parents to gain feedback on time spent on the device.

Roanoke County Public Library has placed focused on community digital literacy programs over the past several years, offering free classes most every month at each Library location. Topics range from basic usage of the latest consumer technologies to specific classes dedicated to popular software (Microsoft Office applications, photography apps, social media, networking, etc.) and other popular topics.

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16. Project Management: Identify key individuals who will be responsible for the management of the project and provide a brief description of their role and responsibilities for the project. Present this information in table format. Provide a brief description of the applicant and co applicant's history and experience with managing grants and constructing broadband communication facilities. Please attach any letters of support from stakeholders. If the applicant is not a locality(s) in which the project will occur, please provide a letter of support from that locality. Attachment 11 – Letters of Support.

#### Answer:

Shentel is one of the largest regional internet service providers in the Mid-Atlantic. They have a 119 year operating history and an extensive fiber network that spans more than 7,000 miles and supports its rapidly growing and multi-faceted broadband services in Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, Kentucky, and Pennsylvania. With broadband service delivered to more than 58,000 homes in the past 12 months and nearly 600 miles of fiber laid so far in 2021, Shentel has the clear and tangible financial and operational experience to not only construct, but also operate and manage the project proposed in this grant application.

Shentel is currently operating and expanding its legacy cable markets, while also managing two highly successful broadband initiatives in its GloFiber FTTH service and its Beam fixed wireless service. Launched in 2019, GloFiber is an XGS-PON FTTH network that is currently live and serving customers with symmetrical multi-gigabit speeds in Harrisonburg, Winchester, Front Royal, Staunton, Lynchburg, Roanoke, and Salem, with engineering and construction underway in several more markets in Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania.

Meanwhile, Shentel launched its Beam fixed wireless service in 2020 and now has service live in Albemarle, Augusta, Buckingham, Clarke, Frederick, Goochalnd, Greene, Louisa, Orange, Nelson, Page, Rockingham, Shenandoah Counties in VA and Barbour and Randolph Counties in WV. This service is targeted to bring broadband access to unserved homes in rural hard to reach portions of these states and currently provides that access to over 24,000 of previously unserved homes.

The Shentel team that will manage this project is as follows:

County of Roanoke Project Manager: Bill Hunter, Director of Communications & Information Technology. Past project experience includes - Earth Station Satellite transceivers replacement for the USAF Air Mobility Command, Joint Law Enforcement stand-up and deployment for the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games (DOD Office of Special Events), activation of the Law Enforcement Information Center for the 1997 Presidential Inauguration (US Secret Service/Communications Management Control Activity), Roanoke County Public Safety Center construction (IT Issues), and the Western Virginia Regional Jail construction project (IT Issues)

County of Roanoke Coordination: Heather Kluge, Business Coordinator - 10 years of grant Management Experience (Police, Fire, E911, & Information Technology)

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#### 17. Project Budget and Cost Appropriateness

Budget: Applicants must provide a detailed budget that outlines how the grant funds will be utilized, including an itemization of equipment, construction costs, and a justification of proposed expenses. If designating more than one service area in a single application, each service area must have delineated budget information. For wireless projects, please include delineated budget information by each tower. Expenses should be substantiated by clear cost estimates. Include copies of vendor quotes or documented cost estimates supporting the proposed budget. Label Attachments: Attachment 12 – Derivation of Costs; Attachment 13 - Documentation of Supporting Cost Estimates. (up to 10 points)

#### Answer:

As noted in questions 11 and 16, Shentel is a 119 year old telecommunications company that has served Roanoke County for many years. Shentel is currently laying hundreds of miles of fiber per year to support its expanding Cable, FTTH, and Fixed Wireless services. As shown in attachments 12 and 13, all cost estimates are based off of a long and active history in both the wireless and wireline industry. While attachment 12 shows a high level roll up of costs in alignment with DHCD guidance, attachment 13 provides detailed cost breakouts and supporting documentation from various vendor relationships for both wireline and wireless services.

18. The cost benefit index is comprised of state cost per unit passed. Individual cost benefit scores are calculated and averaged together to create a point scale for a composite score. Provide the following: a. Total VATI funding request

b. Number of serviceable units (up to 125 points)

#### Answer:

a. \$490,000.00

b. 177

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#### 19. Commonwealth Priorities (Up to 40 points)

Additional points will be awarded to proposed projects that reflect Commonwealth priorities. If applicable, describe the following:

a. Businesses, community anchors, or other passings in the proposed project area that will have a significant impact on the locality or region because of access to broadband.

b. Unique partnerships involved in the proposed project. Examples include electric utilities, universities, and federal/state agencies.

c. Digital equity efforts to ensure low to moderate income households in the proposed project area will have affordable access to speeds at or above 25/3 mbps.

#### Answer:

This proposed project fits into our larger plan to achieve universal broadband coverage for Roanoke County. This proposed project fills many gaps in the rural areas of the County. One of our goals is to provide quality and reliable broadband with redundancy and future proof so all Roanoke County residents and businesses benefit. Our interactive project map documents the project areas. We continue to work with residents who identify areas where service is unreliable, non-existent, or not affordable. Through ongoing speed test and report gathering; we will continue to build project areas for broadband service. Not until after all areas are served with affordable and reliable broadband, will we consider our work done.

The proposed project impacts 177 homes and home-based businesses in the area, through the introduction of broadband will have a positive economic impact. Providing broadband to these businesses allows them to complete in the global economy and include a telecommuting workforce as part of their growth plans; providing more jobs and more revenue for the County.

Roanoke County supports the Commonwealth Connect efforts to bring functional universal broadband to Virginia. And we are focused on digital equity and making broadband affordable for all. We review our Broadband plan on an annual basis. Roanoke County is also equally concerned about and working to solve challenges identified in the most recent Commonwealth Connect 2.0. We are working to reduce cost of equipment; implement means to utilize shared

infrastructure for network deployment through support of reduced or no fees for pole attachments or other sharing of infrastructure such as conduit; support waiving the cost of easements for broadband deployment; and through our ongoing broadband survey and community outreach continue filling gaps and identifying borders of coverage; and working with ISPs to focus on technologies and projects which avoid or create difficult to serve areas

As discussed in question 6, Shentel is also leveraging this project to bring service to Low-to-Moderate residents who may not otherwise be able to receive it. Long drops are a notorious roadblock for low to moderate income residents to receive broadband service. Shentel has included as part of the cost of this project long drop capital for approximately 14 long drops for homes that are believed to be Low to Moderate Income.

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#### 20. Additional Information

Provide the two most recent Form 477 submitted to the FCC, or equivalent, as well as point, polygon, and, for wireless providers, RSSI shapefiles for the project area **in .zip file form**. With attachments 17 through 20, attach any other information that the applicant desires to include. Applicants are limited to four additional attachments.

Label Additional Attachments as: a. Attachment 14 – Two most recent Form 477 submitted to the FCC or equivalent

b. Attachment 15 - Point and Polygon shapefiles, in.zip file form, showing proposed passings and project area

c. Attachment 16 - For wireless applicants: shapefiles, in .zip file form, indicating RSSI projections in the application area

d. Attachment 17 – XXXXXXX

e. Attachment 18 – XXXXXXX

f. Attachment 19 – XXXXXXX

g. Attachment 20 – XXXXXXX

#### Answer:

N/A

#### Attachments:

Map(s) of project area, including proposed infrastructure

ATTACHMENT1RoanokeProjectAreaMap914202115915.pdf

Documentation of Federal Funding (CAF/ACAM/USDA/RDOF, etc...) in and/or near proposed project area.

Attachment2DocumentationonFederalFundingArea914202115934.pdf

RDOF Awarded Areas included in VATI Application (Use template provided)

Attachment3RDOFAwardedAreasincludedinVATIApplication914202120004.pdf

Documentation that proposed project area is unserved based on VATI criteria

Attachment4DocumentationUnservedAreaVATICriteria914202120036.pdf

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Passings Form (Use template provided)

ATTACHMENT5RoanokeCountyPassingsForm914202120106.pdf

Timeline/Project Management Plan

ATTACHMENT7RoanokeTimelineProjectManagementPlan914202120133.pdf

MOU/MOA between applicant/co-applicant (can be in draft form)

 $Attachment \\8 MOUBetween \\Applicant \\Co \\Applicant \\91420 \\2144915.pdf$ 

Funding Sources Table (Use template provided)

ATTACHMENT9RoanokeFundingSourcesTable914202120201.pdf

Documentation of Match Funding

Attachment10DocumentationofMatchingFunds914202120226.pdf

Letters of Support

Attachment11LettersofSupport914202120249.pdf

#### Derivation of Cost/Project Budget (Use template provided)

ATTACHMENT12RoanokeDerivationofCost914202120332.pdf

#### Documentation of Supporting Cost Estimates

ATTACHMENT13RoanokeDocumentationofSupportingCostEstimates914202120359.pdf

Two most recent Form 477 submitted to the FCC or equivalent

 $\label{eq:attachment} ATTACHMENT14 RoanokeTwomostrecentForm 477 submitted to FCC 914202120431. pdf$ 

Point and Polygon shapefiles, in.zip file form, showing proposed passings and project area ZipFolderATTACHMENT15RoanokeCountyPointandPolygonShapeFiles914202120457.zip

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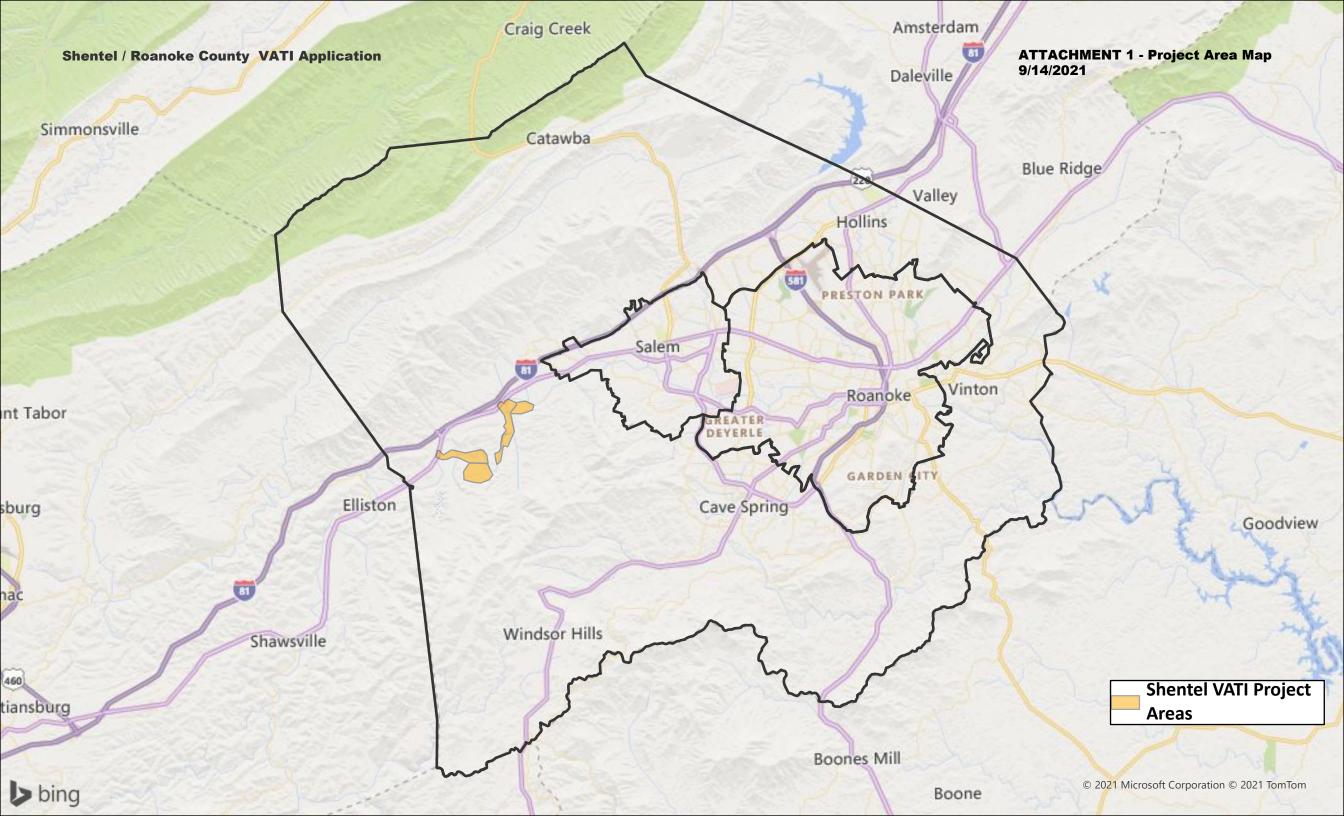
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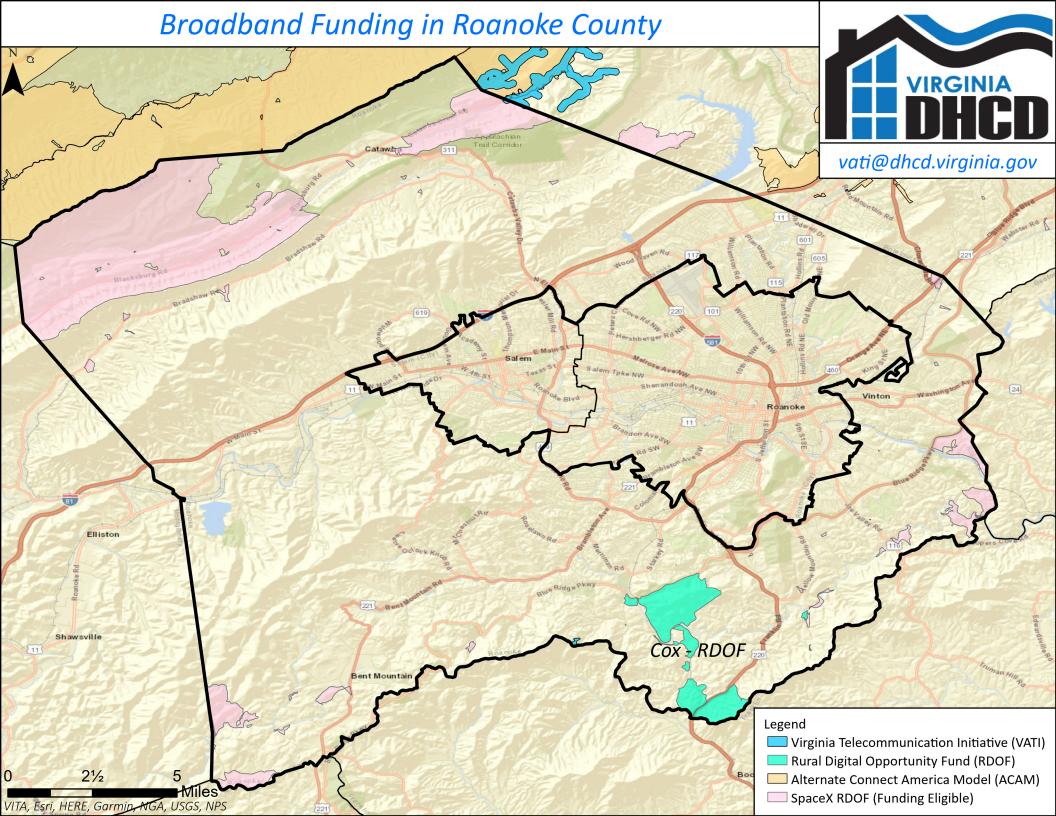
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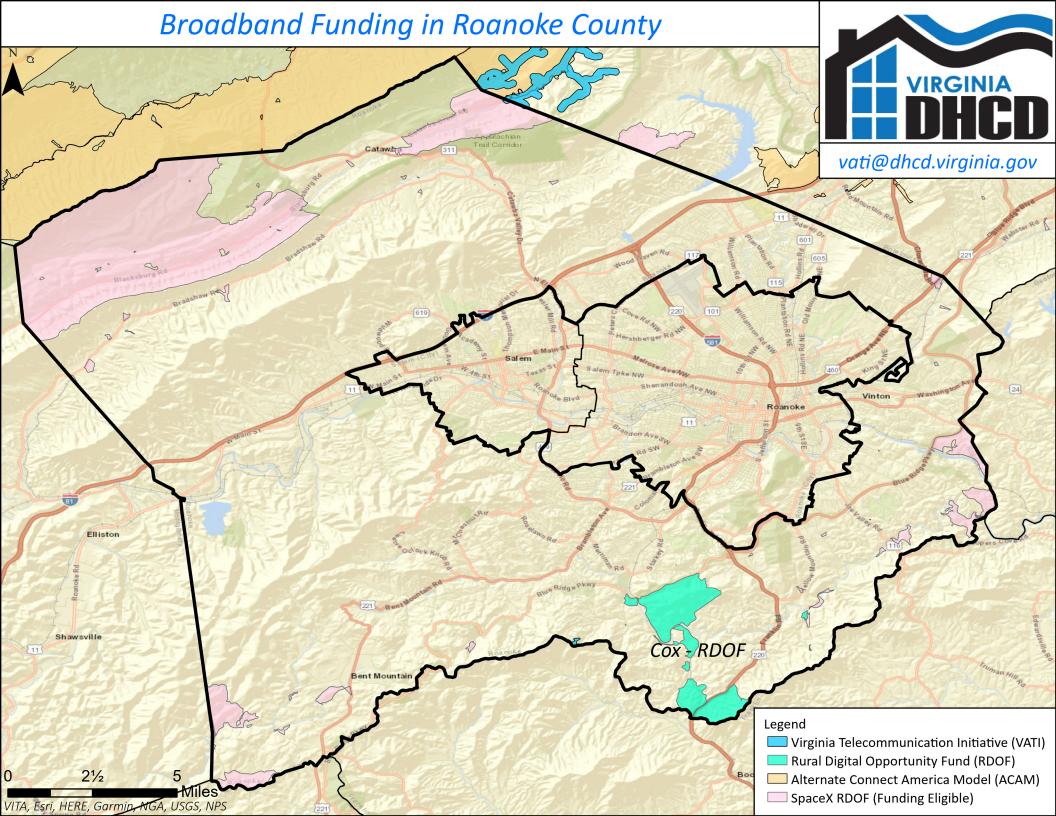
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#### Notes:

Thank you for the opportunity to extend broadband service to the unserved residence of Roanoke County. This project meets both the spirit and intent of the Virginia Telecommunication Initiative (VATI). I believe these investments have a significant impact on economic development by increasing options for residents to engage in virtual learning, access to telehealth, and telework. These projects also allow opportunities for more home-based businesses to thrive. With the demand for broadband connectivity higher than ever, I am optimistic that VATI submissions like these will be ranked in the top of submissions by the Department of Housing and Community Development.









### County of Roanoke Information Technology



5925 Cove Road Roanoke, Virginia 24019

To Whom it may Concern,

#### The areas proposed in this application meet the 2022 VATI unserved criteria.

These areas are defined as having broadband speeds at or below 25 Megabits per second (Mbps) download and 3 Megabits (Mbps) upload.

The areas proposed by the County of Roanoke meet these criteria.

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William F. Hunter Director, Communications and Information Technology

### 2022 Virginia Telecommunication Initiative (VATI) Passing Form

Type of Passings	Total Number of Passings in the Project Area <sup>1</sup>	Passings in the Project Area, without Special Construction Costs Required <sup>2</sup>	Construction Costs budgeted	Number of Passings with Speeds at 10/1 or below in Project Area <sup>4</sup>				
Residential	177	59	118	175				
Businesses (non-home based)	67	67	0	0				
Businesses (home-based)	0	0	0	0				
Community Anchors	21	21	0	0				
Non-residential	1	1	0	0				
Total	266	148	118	175				

**Note**: The Total Number of Passings **<u>MUST</u>** be equal to the Residential, Business (non-home based), Non-residential and Community Anchors sum.

**Note**: Do not include passings in RDOF awarded areas that were awarded to the co-applicant; these passings should be included in the RDOF Passings Form. Passings included in this application in RDOF awarded areas that were not awarded to the co-applicant, unless successfully challenged, are considered unserved and should be counted as passings in this form.

<sup>1</sup>The total number of structures in the project area that can receive service. See definition of passing below for more detail.

<sup>2</sup> The number of structures in the project area that will not require special construction costs to provide service to. These passings fall within the broadband provider's standard service connection drop length and do not require nonstandard equipment or any additional fees above normal service connection fees required to provide broadband access to a premise.

<sup>3</sup>The number of structures in the project area with all construction costs budgeted in the application. These passings will not require any additional special construction costs beyond those budgeted for in the VATI application.

<sup>4</sup>The number of structures in the project area that do not have access to internet at speeds of at least 10 mbps download and 1mbps upload.

### Definitions

**Passing** – any structure that can receive service. Multi-unit structures may be counted as more than 1 passing, provided individual connections and account are planned at that structure.

**Business** – An organization or entity that provides goods or services in order to generate profit. Businesses based in residential homes can count if they are a registered business (BPOL, LLC, etc.).

**Community Anchor** - schools, libraries, medical and health care providers, public safety entities, community colleges and other institutions of higher education, and other community support organizations and agencies that provide outreach, access, equipment, and support services to facilitate greater use of broadband service by vulnerable populations, including low-income, unemployed, and the aged.

**Non-Residential Passing** – places of worship, federal, state, or local facilities or other potential customers that are neither a residence, business or a community anchor as defined above.

#### ATTACHMENT 7 (Question 11 Project Readiness)

ct Timeline																								
Month 1 = Contract Award Notificatio	n and Contra	act Fully E	kecuted																					
Project Deadline = December, 2024 (2	4 months)																							
Hybrid Broadband (includes FTTH an	d Fixed Wire	less)																						
	Month 1	Month 2	Month 3	Month 4	Month 5	Month 6	Month 7	Month 8	Month 9	Month 10	Month 11	Month 12	Month 13	Month 14	Month 15	Month 16	Month 17	Month 18	Month 19	Month 20	Month 21	Month 22	Month 23	Mont
Performance Milestones	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec
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Design Engineering - Phased																								
Search Ring Release - Phased																								
Site Acquisition - Phased																								
Permitting - Phased																								
Final Project Review - Phased																								
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Project Close-out - Phased																		Target Completion						Pro

Detailed description of each of the aforementioned Performance Milestones for both Fiber to the Home and Fixed Wireless technologies are as follows:

#### Performance Milestones – Fiber to the Home

Field Engineering – Phased

- Outside Plant:
  - Shentel shall complete a full review of the planned fiber route to determine feasibility, costs, and challenges for construction. This review shall consist of Shentel personnel visually inspecting the entire planned fiber route. Shentel typically follows utility routes

such as power or telephone, with those utilities for new pole attachments when there is not existing Shentel attachment to allow overlash.

- Shentel shall make a determination to go underground if the utility routes are deemed unfavorable or contain challenges that would result in high costs to construct.
- Shentel shall collect all pole information and route information and prepare the proper permits to pole owners and VDOT.

#### Design Engineering – Phased

- Outside Plant:
  - Shentel shall complete a detailed Engineering Package that includes the entire defined fiber build route, as well as a complete list of all required materials to complete the fiber build.
  - Engineering Package shall consist of geospatial drawings of the physical route (aerial versus buried), list all physical structures and
    other possible obstructions, provide required materials and their physical placement, and note key requirements that construction is
    required to follow to complete the project.
- Inside Plant:
  - Shentel shall complete a full design and procure all required equipment and ancillary hardware to support all planned services.

#### Permitting – Phased

- Outside Plant:
  - Shentel shall permit all utility pole owners for any overlash or new pole attachments.
  - For any new permitted utility pole that is located on private property, Shentel shall follow the Virginia and Federal code that would allow Shentel to utilize existing like-kind utility easements. Shentel shall engage the County to aid in any dispute that would arise from a landowner denying Shentel access to utility easements.
  - Shentel shall submit all other permits such as city, town, railroad, or VMRC permits as required.

#### Construction – Phased

- Outside Plant:
  - Shentel shall complete all construction requirements as outlined and defined in the Engineering Package once all permits have been approved.
  - Required changes during construction shall be communicated and approved before construction can be completed.

- Shentel shall complete end-to-end fiber characterization and testing of fiber to determine if fiber passes all defined criteria. Any noted problems are corrected at the time of testing.
- Inside Plant:
  - Shentel shall configure, deploy, and install all equipment and ancillary hardware.
  - Shentel shall complete end-to-end testing and certification to validate the service.

#### Customer Installation Commencement – Phased

- Operations:
  - Release of addresses to sales database
  - Shentel shall complete the installation, test, and turn-up of all customer CPE (Customer Premise Equipment) at the home/business to support the service.

#### Project Close-Out – Phased

- Shentel shall complete a full review of the completed construction against the Engineering Package to verify that all requirements have been completed.
- Shentel shall complete a full review of all received equipment and ancillary hardware to complete verify that all materials have been received and placed into service.
- Shentel shall complete a full review of all vendor invoices against their completed work and materials to verify billing accuracy.
- Shentel shall complete all financial true-ups and closeouts to complete the project.

#### Performance Milestones – Fixed Wireless

#### Field Engineering – Phased

- Reconfirm previous analysis of unserved or underserved homes
- Competitive analysis of other providers

#### Design Engineering – Phased

- Prediction modelling using InfoVista Planet platform
- Targeted coverage review/analysis

- Site configuration macro vs. small cell
- Prediction and analysis of home counts

#### Search Ring Release – Phased

• Creation of designated search ring area

#### Site Acquisition – Phased

- Property Acquisition
- Prediction modelling using InfoVisto Planet platform of specific site candidates
- Regulatory Review/Title Review
- Lease/Easement acquired
- Construction Drawings
- Structural Analysis Review
- Environmental Review

#### Permitting – Phased

- Zoning/Permitting with jurisdiction
- Land Use Permit filing with VDOT

#### Final Project Review – Phased

- Notice to proceed issued
- Materials and equipment order finalized

#### Construction – Phased

- Civil construction (includes backhaul, power and BTS set)
- Tower construction
- Integration of equipment/activation of site

#### Customer Installation Commencement – Phased

• Release of addresses to sales database

• CPE (Customer Premise Equipment) installation at home/business

Project Close-out – Phased

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### MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ROANOKE, VIRGINIA, THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF ROANOKE COUNTY, VIRGINIA, AND SHENANDOAH CABLE TELEVISION, LLC FOR APPLYING FOR VIRGINIA TELECOMMUNICATIONS INITIATIVE FUNDING FOR PROVIDING BROADBAND SERVICES

#### I. PARTIES AND PURPOSE

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is made and entered into as of the <u>144h</u> day of September 2021, by and between Roanoke County, Virginia (the "County"), a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, the Economic Development Authority of Roanoke County, Virginia (the "Authority), a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and Shenandoah Cable Television, LLC ("Shentel"), for the purpose of creating a partnership to prepare and submit an application for grant funding through the Virginia Telecommunications Initiative (VATI) the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development in an effort to expand and improve broadband services to the citizens of Roanoke County, Virginia.

The County and Authority recognize that in order to attain and maintain a high-quality level of broadband service to the citizens of Roanoke County, a close working relationship with the private internet providers is desirable and will be made possible in large part through state and federal grant funding opportunities.

The Authority is a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, authorized to make grants for the purposes of promoting industry, developing trade, and inducing manufacturing, industrial, governmental, nonprofit and commercial enterprises and institutions to locate, remain, or expand facilities in the Commonwealth, under Section 15.2-4905 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended.

The County wishes to make certain funds available to the Authority, and the Authority wishes to make a grant to Shentel, for the purposes of incentivizing Shentel to expand its facilities in Roanoke County, increase jobs and employment, enhance learning opportunities for students, and otherwise expand the tax base of the County while simultaneously assisting in preserving public health in the midst of the COVID-19 crisis.

### II. SCOPE OF WORK

The County, Authority, and Shentel desire to cooperatively work together to prepare and apply for grant funding through the 2021 Virginia Telecommunications Initiative (VATI) Funding Program managed by the Virginia DHCD to provide fiber broadband service in several areas of the County by extending their existing fiber network. The application for funding anticipates coverage to be made available to approximately 177 households and businesses in the Catawba Magisterial District of the County that are currently unserved/underserved. Service is envisioned to be provided through the following infrastructure improvements:

- Placement of approximately 1.5 miles of underground fiber optic cable.
- Placement of approximately 6 miles of aerial fiber optic cable.
- Associated construction and make-ready work.

The County, Authority, and Shentel agree to provide the necessary funding to construct the projects above to deliver internet service to the homes/businesses in these areas by providing minimum average internet speeds ranging from 25 Mbps/25 Mbps to 1 Gbps. The total cost of these projects is estimated at \$1,000,000.

To obtain necessary project funding, the County agrees to complete a grant funding application, with assistance from Shentel through the DHCD VATI Funding Program requesting \$490,000 (approximately 49% of the estimated project cost) to be allocated to the above projects. The County will contribute not more than \$260,000 (approximately 26% of the estimated project cost) toward completion of the projects. Shentel agrees to provide the remaining project funding to complete the above projects (which is anticipated to be \$250,000, or approximately 25% of the project cost).

The parties confirm that a detailed agreement shall be executed if funding is approved to outline all the obligations of the County, Authority, and Shentel and providing performance guarantees for service delivery and maintenance. If funding is approved from DHCD, the parties confirm and understand that Shentel will be responsible for providing the remaining of the funding necessary to complete the project for which DHCD funding was received.

Signatures on following page

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Memorandum of Understanding on the day, month, and year indicated:

FOR ROANOKE COUNTY, VIRGINIA:

By:

Daniel R. O'Donnell County Administrator

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA COUNTY OF ROANOKE, to wit:

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this  $\underline{1444}$  day of September 2021 by Daniel R. O'Donnell, on behalf of Roanoke County, Virginia.

My commission expires <u>Mq. 31</u> 2022

Registration No. 7807305

Approved as to form:

Check By:

Peter S. Lubeck County Attorney

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KRISTINE MOTKO MCGOWAN NOTARY ID # 7807305 NOTARY PUBLIC COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA MY COMMISSION EXPIRES AUGUST 31, 2022

FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF ROANOKE COUNTY:

By: \_\_\_\_

Steven A. Musselwhite Chairman FOR SHENANDOAH CABLE TELEVISION, LLC:

By: Chins Kyle Chris Kyle

Vice President

#### VATI FUNDING SOURCES TABLE

Please fill in the chart below with a description of the project funding source (local, federal, state, private, other), the amount from that source, the percentage of total project funding that source represents, and a description of the current status of the funds (pending, secured, etc.).

Source	Amount	%	Status
REQUESTED VATI	\$ 490,000.00	49%	Pending
	\$		
SHENANDOAH			COMMITTED
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$ 250,000.00	25%	
	\$		
COUNTY OF ROANOKE	260,000.00	26%	COMMITTED
	\$		
	\$		
	\$		
TOTAL	1,000,000.00	100 %	



Shentel is prepared to provide all necessary match funding in alignment with this grant application. All VATI grant projects will be accounted for in the annual budget and funded to the necessary level. Furthermore, Shentel is committed to the proposed projects and has more than adequate financial backing to support their completion.

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Chris Kyle Vice President, Industry Affairs & Regulatory

500 SHENTEL WAY • P.O. BOX 459 • EDINBURG, VIRGINIA 22824-0459

#### ITEM 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

Capital expenditures

The following table sets forth selected consolidated financial data for the years presented and at the dates indicated below. Our historical results are not necessarily indicative of our results in any future periods. The summary of our consolidated financial data set forth below should be read together with our consolidated financial statements and related notes, as well as the sections entitled "Risk Factors" and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations." included elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. All periods reflect the operating results, cash flows, and financial position, related to our Wireless operations as discontinued operations. Additionally, those assets and liabilities which are expected to transfer in the sale of our discontinued Wireless operations are presented as held for sale in our Consolidated Balance Sheets.

Years Ended December 31,				.,		
(in thousands, except share and per share amounts)		2020	-	2019		2018
Revenue	5	220,775	5	206.862	\$	192,683
Operating expenses		221.922		207.581		195.652
Operating loss		(1.147)		(719)		(2.969)
Income tax (benefit) expense		(586)		173		(1.343)
Income from continuing operations		2.626		2.388		2,077
Income from discontinued operations, net of tax		124.097		53.568		44.518
Net income	\$	126.723	\$	55.956	5	46.595
Shareholder Information:						
Shares outstanding		49.867.676		49.670.603		49.630,119
Net income per share, basic and diluted:						
Basic - Income from continuing operations	5	0.05	5	0.05	\$	0.04
Basic - Income from discontinued operations, net of tax	\$	2.49	\$	1.07	\$	0.90
Basic net income per share	\$	2.54	\$	1.12	\$	0.94
Diluted - Income from continuing operations	\$	0.05	\$	0.05	\$	0.04
Diluted - Income from discontinued operations, net of tax	\$	2.48	\$	1.07	\$	0.89
Diluted net income per share	5	2.53	\$	1.12	\$	0.93
Cash dividends per share	\$	0.34	S	0.29	\$	0.27
		Year	s Er	ided Decemb	er 31	l,
	-	2020		2019		2018
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	195,397	\$	101.651	\$	85.086
Assets held for sale	S	1.133.294	\$	1.196.575	\$	910.596
Total assets	5	2.031.707	\$	1.898.902	\$	1.487.488
Liabilities held for sale	\$	452.202	5	422.335	\$	46,487
Total habilities	\$	1.449.313	\$	1.426.474	\$	1.043,254

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67.048 \$

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## Memorandum

## **COMMUNICATIONS &**





To: DHCD

- From: William F. Hunter, Director
- Date: September 13, 2021
- **Re:** Matching Funds

The County of Roanoke has committed \$260,000.00 in Capital Improvement Funds toward the completion of the Shenandoah Telecommunications project applied for in the VATI Grant Application submission.

Good morning,

I am hoping to soon be among the many other citizens of Roanoke County that can say I have an internet provider. I unfortunately am in an area that is currently under served -- 7592 Willow Branch Rd. Boones Mill (but on the Roanoke County side) Cox services Roanoke County but not my area as there are not enough houses to be beneficial to them and I have checked with providers in Franklin County and they tell me they can't cross the county line so I am in NO MAN'S LAND. I would love for my area to be launched into the 21st century. Thanks for your time & consideration, Bettie Haupt

We have been without Internet Service since we moved to this rural area some 5 years ago. When I contacted one Internet provider I learned it would cost us \$8000 to get broadband installed. Satellite monthly costs are way outside our budget because we are retired. So I used the library until Covid closed them.

Have you ever tried to do your taxes on a cell phone? Not easy! Our cell phone is our only access to the internet and doing things on a 5.5 x 2.5 screen gets old fast! Also, cell phone access is never at full bars.

We need low cost internet access! Thank you, Diane Carter 3663 Bradshaw Rd, Salem, VA 24153

Good morning. I received word you are the gentleman to contact to hopefully receive internet in our area. My husband and I live at 5449 Bandy Road. I have attempted multiple times in our almost 8 years in our home to get reliable internet. I have contacted Cox Communications multiple times, as they serve both ends of our road, but not the small stretch we are located at. The last time I contacted Cox I was told they would have to go through the "forest", and it would cost us \$100,000. We are currently using an unreliable Jet Pack from Verizon Wireless, a jet pack from US Cellular has the same unreliable service. Satellite services like B2X were unavailable to my address, last time I checked.

Our need for reliable internet is extremely important to us as we are both RNs and my husband is planning to obtain his BSN soon, and these programs are almost all distanced learning these days. Our 2 children had the most difficult time getting anything completed when the pandemic first hit when Roanoke County offered online classes until they were able to return to school. Lastly, I need it for my job. My current role is the unit director/manager for the Transfer Center/Bed Placement @ Carilion Clinic. Sometimes with my job I need to access our applications from home after hours, or in emergency situations, or if my children are sick and I cannot make it into the office. My fear is that schools are going to be closed again due to COVID and I would need the ability to work from home, for childcare purposes.

Thank you for your time.

Constance Aaron, RN, BSN

August 19, 2021

Mr. Bill Hunter Director, Communications & Information Technology County of Roanoke, Virginia

Subject: Community need for internet

Dear Mr. Hunter,

I am writing to let you know of my need for internet. I am a resident of the Mount Pleasant Area and currently have no internet options, whatsoever, for my home. Having internet available at my home would mean the ability to manage bank accounts and finances from home, communicate with friends, family and co-workers, find and purchase goods not locally available, have information on the most current news, and lastly enhance educational opportunities for my children. This last item is huge, as I know you would agree. I have three school age children and without internet access there is no opportunity for them to do any meaningful online work, and hence fall into the risk of falling behind their peers.

Sincerely,

Danielle Bishop 4928 Brookridge Road Roanoke, VA 24014

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Dyanna Desforges and my husband and I live at 4699 Brookridge Rd in Roanoke, VA. We currently run two businesses out of our home and high speed internet is crucial for our productivity. We have satellite internet now that is mediocre at best. Very slow internet speeds. The internet doesn't work when it rains or snows. With high speed internet, we could be much more productive with our business and ultimately make more money not only for ourselves, but for the state as well. The world is so dependent on high speed internet these days. It doesn't make sense that some houses on our street have access to it and some don't. We have fought multiple times with Cox Cable to service to our home. We have even offered to rent a ditch witch and run the cables down our driveway ourselves. Having high speed internet would also increase the value of homes in the area. Please feel free to reach out to me if needed. Thank you and we appreciate your consideration for a VATI Grant.

Dyanna Desforges

Bill,

We have had satellite internet since we moved to Catawba twenty years ago. It's so slow it doesn't allow us to do most things people take for granted. Here are a few examples.

After my husband's surgery last month his doctor in North Carolina wanted to see a photo of an incision that wasn't healing properly. My husband had to drive over twenty miles to the Roanoke County library to send the picture, as our uplink speeds are so slow the doctor's app repeatedly timed out.

We can't have remote doctor appointments because we're unable to use Zoom or to video chat, a problem exacerbated by the pandemic. When the roads are bad in the winter, we can't have video appointments then, either.

Yesterday there was severe weather in our area and a tornado a few miles away. Because we have no cell phone service here, we couldn't receive radar, forecasts, or emergency information because we lose our internet in rainy weather. We're literally in the dark when we need weather information to be safe.

We're can't use video in any form to communicate with our family members and friends.

Even with theses limitations, we pay a lot to try to have access to communication and entertainment. Our satellite TV bill is \$197/month, our internet is 94.51, and our land line is 69.05. In spite of that we can never stream anything -- Netflix, sports, Hulu, Peacock, for example - and even the services we pay for (like HBO) are streaming more and more of their content.

Our land line also tends to fail in rainy weather. Then, we have zero access to emergency services.

We need high speed internet!

Thanks, Elizabeth Kayser 7860 Miller Cove Road Catawba VA 24070

#### **ATTACHMENT 12 - Derivation of Costs**

	Total	VATI		Non-VATI		
Product	100%	50%		50%	Source of Estimate	Date
Fiber Plant Build	\$ 572,209	\$ 286,105	\$	286,105	Shentel - please see Attachment 13 for supporting documentation	9/12/2021
Long Drops at Customer Premise	\$ 177,977	\$ 88,988	\$	88,988	Shentel - please see Attachment 13 for supporting documentation	9/12/2021
Core Network Capacity Additions	\$ 250,000	\$ 125,000	\$	125,000	Shentel - please see Attachment 13 for supporting documentation	9/12/2021
	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-		
PROJECT TOTAL	\$ 1,000,186	\$ 500,093	\$	500,093		
	100%	50%		50%		



#### (RETAIN FOR YOUR RECORDS) Form 477 Filing Summary

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Filer	Section	Question	Response
Identification	Filer Information	Company Name	Shentel
		Holding Company Name	Shenandoah Telecommunications Company
		SAC ID	
		499 ID	
	Data Contact Information	Data Contact Name	Christina Price
		Data Contact Phone Number	(540) 984-5350
		Data Contact E-mail	christina.price@emp.shentel.com
	Emergency Operations Contact Information	Emergency Operations Name	Shentel NOC
		Emergency Operations Phone Number	(540) 984-5531
		Emergency Operations E-mail	shentel-noc@shentel.net
	Certifying Official Contact Information	Certifying Official Name	Ed McKay
		Certifying Official Phone Number	(540) 984-5303
		Certifying Official E-mail	ed.mckay@emp.shentel.com

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	Fixed Broadband Deployment	CLEC_Broadband_Coverage.csv	Mar 12, 2021 08:39:53	40195
	Fixed Broadband Subscription	CLEC_Broadband_Subscription.csv	Mar 10, 2021 19:01:30	2625
	Fixed Voice Subscription	CLEC_Voice_Subscription.csv	Mar 10, 2021 18:57:27	321

#### Fixed Broadband Deployment

#### Census Block Counts by State, DBA Name and Technology

State	DBA Name	Technology	Blocks
Kentucky	Shentel	Cable Modem – DOCSIS 3.1	369
		Optical Carrier/Fiber to the End User	238
Maryland	Shentel	Cable Modem – DOCSIS 3.1	578
		Optical Carrier/Fiber to the End User	784
Pennsylvania	Shentel	Optical Carrier/Fiber to the End User	1375

State	DBA Name	Technology	Blocks
Virginia	Beam	Terrestrial Fixed Wireless	4530
	Glo Fiber	Optical Carrier/Fiber to the End User	1690
	Shentel	Cable Modem – DOCSIS 3.1	9320
		Optical Carrier/Fiber to the End User	8520
West Virginia	Canaan Cable TV	Cable Modem – DOCSIS 3.0	141
	Shentel	Cable Modem – DOCSIS 3.0	298
		Cable Modem – DOCSIS 3.1	6099
		Optical Carrier/Fiber to the End User	6253
Total			40195

#### Fixed Broadband Subscription

#### Fixed Broadband Subscriptions by State, Technology and End-user Type

			Subscriptions			
State	Technology	Census Tracts	Consumer	Business / Govt	Total	
Kentucky	Cable Modem	41	2160	88	2248	
Maryland	Cable Modem	45	2205	228	2433	
	Optical Carrier/Fiber to the End User	19	0	38	38	
Pennsylvania	Optical Carrier/Fiber to the End User	15	0	29	29	
Virginia	Cable Modem	1023	62554	6337	68891	
	Optical Carrier/Fiber to the End User	606	6103	870	6973	
	Terrestrial Fixed Wireless	28	80	0	80	
West Virginia	Cable Modem	650	17824	2260	20084	
	Optical Carrier/Fiber to the End User	198	3249	382	3631	
Total		2625	94175	10232	104407	

#### Fixed Broadband Subscriptions by Bandwidths and End-user Type

Downstream Bandwidth (in Mbps)	Upstream Bandwidth (in Mbps)	Consumer	Business / Govt	Total
1.000	0.512	5	0	5
1.000	1.000	0	3	3
1.500	0.512	0	28	28
3.000	0.768	2813	3	2816
4.000	1.500	64	0	64
5.000	1.000	9336	639	9975
5.000	5.000	0	9	9
6.000	1.000	4	0	4

Downstream Bandwidth (in Mbps)	Upstream Bandwidth (in Mbps)	Consumer	Business / Govt	Total
8.000	1.500	115	0	115
10.000	2.000	7369	1910	9279
10.000	5.000	36	0	36
10.000	10.000	1608	1554	3162
15.000	3.000	0	107	107
15.000	10.000	2	1138	1140
15.000	15.000	383	10	393
20.000	20.000	0	57	57
22.000	5.000	244	0	244
25.000	3.000	28	0	28
25.000	5.000	3909	903	4812
25.000	10.000	0	1360	1360
25.000	25.000	418	65	483
30.000	30.000	0	28	28
40.000	40.000	0	7	7
50.000	5.000	229	0	229
50.000	10.000	36131	1164	37295
50.000	50.000	343	216	559
60.000	60.000	0	2	2
70.000	70.000	0	3	3
75.000	75.000	0	6	6
80.000	80.000	0	2	2
95.000	95.000	0	1	1
100.000	10.000	2	0	2
100.000	100.000	133	243	376
101.000	10.000	277	382	659
150.000	10.000	22473	93	22566
150.000	150.000	0	44	44
200.000	200.000	47	76	123
250.000	250.000	0	22	22
300.000	10.000	3652	0	3652
300.000	300.000	2480	13	2493
350.000	350.000	0	2	2

Downstream Bandwidth (in Mbps)	Upstream Bandwidth (in Mbps)	Consumer	Business / Govt	Total
400.000	400.000	0	3	3
500.000	500.000	0	20	20
700.000	700.000	0	1	1
750.000	750.000	0	4	4
1000.000	10.000	401	15	416
1000.000	1000.000	1672	58	1730
2000.000	2000.000	1	6	7
3000.000	3000.000	0	6	6
5000.000	5000.000	0	7	7
6000.000	6000.000	0	2	2
7000.000	7000.000	0	2	2
10000.000	10000.000	0	18	18
Total		94175	10232	104407

#### Fixed Broadband Subscriptions by Technology, Bandwidths and End-user Type

Technology	Downstream Bandwidth (in Mbps)	Upstream Bandwidth (in Mbps)	Consumer	Business / Govt	Total
Cable Modem	1.000	0.512	5	0	5
	1.500	0.512	0	24	24
	3.000	0.768	2721	3	2724
	4.000	1.500	64	0	64
	5.000	1.000	8855	577	9432
	5.000	5.000	0	5	5
	6.000	1.000	4	0	4
	8.000	1.500	115	0	115
	10.000	2.000	6973	1894	8867
	10.000	5.000	36	0	36
	10.000	10.000	1608	1398	3006
	15.000	3.000	0	106	106
	15.000	10.000	1	1068	1069
	15.000	15.000	383	0	383
	22.000	5.000	244	0	244
	25.000	5.000	3637	901	4538
	25.000	10.000	0	1291	1291

Technology	Downstream Bandwidth (in Mbps)	Upstream Bandwidth (in Mbps)	Consumer	Business / Govt	Total
	25.000	25.000	418	24	442
	50.000	5.000	1	0	1
	50.000	10.000	33852	1134	34986
	50.000	50.000	342	15	357
	100.000	100.000	132	14	146
	101.000	10.000	251	356	607
	150.000	10.000	21212	85	21297
	200.000	200.000	47	0	47
	250.000	250.000	0	7	7
	300.000	10.000	3462	0	3462
	1000.000	10.000	380	11	391
Optical Carrier/Fiber to the End User	1.000	1.000	0	3	3
0361	1.500	0.512	0	4	4
	3.000	0.768	92	0	92
	5.000	1.000	481	62	543
	5.000	5.000	0	4	4
	10.000	2.000	396	16	412
	10.000	10.000	0	156	156
	15.000	3.000	0	1	1
	15.000	10.000	1	70	71
	15.000	15.000	0	10	10
	20.000	20.000	0	57	57
	25.000	5.000	272	2	274
	25.000	10.000	0	69	69
	25.000	25.000	0	41	41
	30.000	30.000	0	28	28
	40.000	40.000	0	7	7
	50.000	5.000	178	0	178
	50.000	10.000	2279	30	2309
	50.000	50.000	1	201	202
	60.000	60.000	0	2	2
	70.000	70.000	0	3	3

Technology	Downstream Bandwidth (in Mbps)	Upstream Bandwidth (in Mbps)	Consumer	Business / Govt	Total
	75.000	75.000	0	6	6
	80.000	80.000	0	2	2
	95.000	95.000	0	1	1
	100.000	100.000	1	229	230
	101.000	10.000	26	26	52
	150.000	10.000	1261	8	1269
	150.000	150.000	0	44	44
	200.000	200.000	0	76	76
	250.000	250.000	0	15	15
	300.000	10.000	190	0	190
	300.000	300.000	2480	13	2493
	350.000	350.000	0	2	2
	400.000	400.000	0	3	3
	500.000	500.000	0	20	20
	700.000	700.000	0	1	1
	750.000	750.000	0	4	4
	1000.000	10.000	21	4	25
	1000.000	1000.000	1672	58	1730
	2000.000	2000.000	1	6	7
	3000.000	3000.000	0	6	6
	5000.000	5000.000	0	7	7
	6000.000	6000.000	0	2	2
	7000.000	7000.000	0	2	2
	10000.000	10000.000	0	18	18
Terrestrial Fixed Wireless	25.000	3.000	28	0	28
	50.000	5.000	50	0	50
	100.000	10.000	2	0	2
Total			94175	10232	104407

#### Fixed Voice Subscription

#### VGE Lines and VoIP Subscriptions by State and End-user Type

State	Total VGE Lines	Consumer VGE Lines	Total VoIP Subscriptions	Consumer VoIP Subscriptions
Kentucky	0	0	800	724

State	Total VGE Lines	Consumer VGE Lines	Total VoIP Subscriptions	Consumer VoIP Subscriptions
Maryland	0	0	833	502
Pennsylvania	0	0	133	0
Virginia	0	0	18683	8122
West Virginia	0	0	11138	8339
Total	0	0	31587	17687

#### Fixed Voice Subscription (iVoIP)

#### Over-the-top VoIP Subscriptions by State and End-user Type

State	Total	Consumer	Business / Govt
Kentucky	0	0	0
Maryland	0	0	0
Pennsylvania	0	0	0
Virginia	0	0	0
West Virginia	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

#### All other VoIP Subscriptions by State, End-user Type, Bundle and Last-mile Medium

		by	End-user Type	by B	undle		by Las	st-mile Medium	
State	Total	Consumer	Business / Government	Sold w/ Internet	Sold w/o Internet	FTTP	Coax	Fixed Wireless	Copper
Kentucky	800	724	76	712	88	0	800	0	0
Maryland	833	502	331	637	196	0	833	0	0
Pennsylvania	133	0	133	133	0	0	133	0	0
Virginia	18683	8122	10561	10869	7814	238	18445	0	0
West Virginia	11138	8339	2799	9276	1862	1140	9998	0	0
Total	31587	17687	13900	21627	9960	1378	30209	0	0

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	Holding Company Name	Shenandoah Telecommunications Company
	Filing Type	Non-ILEC
	SAC ID	N/A
	499 ID	829505
Data Contact Information	Data Contact Name	Christina Price
	Data Contact Phone Number	(540) 984-5350
	Data Contact E-mail	christina.price@emp.shentel.com
Emergency Operations Contact Information	Emergency Operations Name	Shentel NOC
	Emergency Operations Phone Number	(540) 094-5531
	Emergency Operations E-mail	shentel-noc@shentel.net
Certifying Official Contact Information	Certifying Official Name	Rick Mason
	Certifying Official Phone Number	(540) 984-5164
	Certifying Official E-mail	rick.mason@emp.shentl.com

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Fixed Voice Subscription	CLEC Voice Subscription.csv	Aug 29, 2021 03:27 PM	330

## Fixed Broadband Deployment

## Census Block Counts by State, DBA Name and Technology

State     DBA Name     Technology     Blocks
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State	DBA Name	Technology	Blocks
Kentucky	Shentel	Cable Modem – DOCSIS 3.1	369
		Optical Carrier/Fiber to the End User	238
Maryland	Shentel	Cable Modem – DOCSIS 3.1	578
		Optical Carrier/Fiber to the End User	787
Pennsylvania	Shentel	Optical Carrier/Fiber to the End User	1,437
Virginia	Beam	Terrestrial Fixed Wireless	7,453
	Glo Fiber	Optical Carrier/Fiber to the End User	2,473
Shentel		Cable Modem – DOCSIS 3.1	9,348
		Optical Carrier/Fiber to the End User	9,868
West Virginia	Beam	Terrestrial Fixed Wireless	204
	Shentel	Cable Modem – DOCSIS 3.0	439
		Cable Modem – DOCSIS 3.1	6,103
		Optical Carrier/Fiber to the End User	6,319
Total			45,616

## Fixed Broadband Subscription

## Fixed Broadband Subscriptions by State, Technology and End User Type

			Subscriptions		
State	Technology	Census Tracts	Consumer	Business/Govt.	Total
Kentucky	Cable Modem	46	2,172	85	2,257
Maryland	Cable Modem	46	2,294	226	2,520
	Optical Carrier/Fiber to the End User	23	0	33	33
Pennsylvania	Optical Carrier/Fiber to the End User	21	0	23	23
Virginia	Cable Modem	1,079	62,352	8,425	70,777
	Optical Carrier/Fiber to the End User	749	9,717	997	10,714
	Terrestrial Fixed Wireless	81	488	0	488
West Virginia	Cable Modem	693	18,660	2,360	21,020
	Optical Carrier/Fiber to the End User	215	3,398	415	3,813
Total		2,953	99,081	12,564	111,645

## Fixed Broadband Subscriptions by Bandwidths and End User Type

Downstream Bandwidth (in Mbps)	Upstream Bandwidth (in Mbps)	Consumer	Business/Govt.	Total
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Downstream Bandwidth (in Mbps)	Form 477 Upstream Bandwidth (in Mbps)	Consumer	Business/Govt.	Total
1.000	0.512	5	0	5
1.000	1.000	0	2	2
1.500	0.512	0	28	28
3.000	0.768	2,464	3	2,467
4.000	1.500	104	0	104
5.000	1.000	8,337	568	8,905
5.000	5.000	0	5	5
6.000	1.000	3	0	3
8.000	1.500	102	0	102
10.000	2.000	6,438	3,032	9,470
10.000	10.000	0	2,240	2,240
15.000	3.000	368	96	464
15.000	10.000	3	1,075	1,078
15.000	15.000	0	9	9
20.000	20.000	0	52	52
22.000	5.000	359	0	359
25.000	5.000	4,712	1,212	5,924
25.000	10.000	0	1,344	1,344
25.000	25.000	0	21	21
30.000	30.000	0	29	29
40.000	40.000	0	6	6
50.000	5.000	197	0	197
50.000	10.000	39,242	1,373	40,615
50.000	50.000	6	217	223
60.000	60.000	0	2	2
70.000	70.000	0	8	8
75.000	75.000	0	5	5
80.000	80.000	0	2	2
95.000	95.000	0	1	1
100.000	10.000	10	142	152
100.000	20.000	156	14	170
100.000	100.000	1	248	249
101.000	10.000	198	364	562

Downstream Bandwidth (in Mbps)	Upstream Bandwidth (in Mbps)	Consumer	Business/Govt.	Total
150.000	10.000	24,299	86	24,385
150.000	150.000	0	63	63
200.000	20.000	0	6	6
200.000	25.000	53	0	53
200.000	200.000	0	81	8
250.000	20.000	0	43	43
250.000	250.000	0	20	20
300.000	10.000	4,355	2	4,35
300.000	300.000	3,851	16	3,86
350.000	350.000	0	1	
400.000	400.000	0	5	
500.000	20.000	20.000 0		1
500.000	500.000	0	31	3
700.000	700.000	0	1	
750.000	750.000	0	7	
1,000.000	10.000	526	13	53
1,000.000	1,000.000	3,289	48	3,33
2,000.000	2,000.000	3	7	1
2,500.000	2,500.000	0	1	
3,000.000	3,000.000	0	5	
5,000.000	5,000.000	0	5	
6,000.000	6,000.000	0	2	:
7,000.000	7,000.000	0	3	:
10,000.000	10,000.000	0	10	1
Total		99,081	12,564	111,64

## Fixed Broadband Subscriptions by Technology, Bandwidths and End User Type

Technology	Downstream Bandwidth (in Mbps)	Upstream Bandwidth (in Mbps)	Consumer	Business/Govt.	Total
Cable Modem	1.000	0.512	5	0	5
	1.500	0.512	0	24	24
	3.000	0.768	2,385	3	2,388
	4.000	1.500	104	0	104
	5.000	1.000	7,905	506	8,411
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		Form 477			
Technology	Downstream Bandwidth (in Mbps)	Upstream Bandwidth (in Mbps)	Consumer	Business/Govt.	Total
	5.000	5.000	0	4	
	6.000	1.000	3	0	
	8.000	1.500	102	0	10
	10.000	2.000	6,083	2,962	9,04
	10.000	10.000	0	2,097	2,09
	15.000	3.000	368	95	46
	15.000	10.000	3	1,001	1,00
	22.000	5.000	359	0	3
	25.000	5.000	4,207	1,185	5,39
	25.000	10.000	0	1,276	1,2
	50.000	10.000	36,329	1,311	37,64
	100.000	10.000	0	133	1:
	100.000	20.000	155	14	1
	101.000	10.000	180	337	5
	150.000	10.000	22,638	77	22,7
	200.000	20.000	0	6	
	200.000	25.000	53	0	
	250.000	20.000	0	41	
	300.000	10.000	4,102	2	4,1
	500.000	20.000	0	9	
	1,000.000	10.000	497	13	5
Optical Carrier/Fiber to the End	1.000	1.000	0	2	
Jser	1.500	0.512	0	4	
	3.000	0.768	79	0	
	5.000	1.000	432	62	49
	5.000	5.000	0	1	
	10.000	2.000	355	70	43
	10.000	10.000	0	143	14
	15.000	3.000	0	1	
	15.000	10.000	0	74	-
	15.000	15.000	0	9	
	20.000	20.000	0	52	Ę

	Downstream Bandwidth (in	Upstream Bandwidth (in			
Technology	Mbps)	Mbps)	Consumer	Business/Govt.	Total
	25.000	5.000	353	27	380
	25.000	10.000	0	68	68
	25.000	25.000	0	21	21
	30.000	30.000	0	29	29
	40.000	40.000	0	6	6
	50.000	5.000	197	0	197
	50.000	10.000	2,596	62	2,658
	50.000	50.000	5	217	222
	60.000	60.000	0	2	2
	70.000	70.000	0	8	8
	75.000	75.000	0	5	5
	80.000	80.000	0	2	2
	95.000	95.000	0	1	1
	100.000	10.000	0	9	9
	100.000	100.000	1	248	249
	101.000	10.000	18	27	45
	150.000	10.000	1,655	9	1,664
	150.000	150.000	0	63	63
	200.000	200.000	0	81	81
	250.000	20.000	0	2	2
	250.000	250.000	0	20	20
	300.000	10.000	252	0	252
	300.000	300.000	3,851	16	3,867
	350.000	350.000	0	1	1
	400.000	400.000	0	5	5
	500.000	20.000	0	1	1
	500.000	500.000	0	31	31
	700.000	700.000	0	1	1
	750.000	750.000	0	7	7
	1,000.000	10.000	29	0	29
	1,000.000	1,000.000	3,289	48	3,337
	2,000.000	2,000.000	3	7	10

Technology	Downstream Bandwidth (in Mbps)	Upstream Bandwidth (in Mbps)	Consumer	Business/Govt.	Total
	2,500.000	2,500.000	0	1	1
	3,000.000	3,000.000	0	5	5
	5,000.000	5,000.000	0	5	5
	6,000.000	6,000.000	0	2	2
	7,000.000	7,000.000	0	3	3
	10,000.000	10,000.000	0	10	10
Terrestrial Fixed Wireless	25.000	5.000	152	0	152
	50.000	10.000	317	0	317
	50.000	50.000	1	0	1
	100.000	10.000	10	0	10
	100.000	20.000	1	0	1
	150.000	10.000	6	0	6
	300.000	10.000	1	0	1
Total			99,081	12,564	111,645

## Fixed Voice Subscription

VGE Lines and VoIP Subscriptions by State and End User Type

State	Total VGE Lines	Consumer VGE Lines	Total VoIP Subscriptions	Consumer VoIP Subscriptions
Kentucky	0	0	783	700
Maryland	0	0	842	503
Pennsylvania	0	0	169	0
Virginia	0	0	20,339	8,200
West Virginia	0	0	11,162	8,339
Total	0	0	33,295	17,742

## Fixed Voice Subscription (iVoIP)

## Over-the-Top VoIP Subscriptions by State and End User Type

State	Total	Consumer	Business/Govt.
Kentucky	0	0	0
Maryland	0	0	0
Pennsylvania	0	0	0

State	Total	Consumer	Business/Govt.
Virginia	0	0	0
West Virginia	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

All Other VoIP Subscriptions by State, End User Type, Bundle and Last-Mile Medium

State		by End User Type		by Bundle		by Last-Mile Medium			
	Total	Consumer	Business/Govt.	Sold w/ Internet	Sold w/o Internet	FTTP	Coax	Fixed Wireless	Copper
Kentucky	783	700	83	614	169	0	783	0	0
Maryland	842	503	339	673	169	0	842	0	0
Pennsylvania	169	0	169	169	0	169	0	0	0
Virginia	20,339	8,200	12,139	17,868	2,471	1,456	18,883	0	0
West Virginia	11,162	8,339	2,823	7,673	3,489	2,038	9,124	0	0
Total	33,295	17,742	15,553	26,997	6,298	3,663	29,632	0	0

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ler	Section	Question	Response
dentification	Filer Information	Company Name	Shenandoah Telephone Company
		Holding Company Name	Shenandoah Telecommunications Company
		SAC ID	190250, 197251
		499 ID	802200
	Data Contact Information	Data Contact Name	Danielle Brooks
		Data Contact Phone Number	(540) 984-5389
		Data Contact E-mail	danielle.brooks@emp.shentel.com
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		Emergency Operations Phone Number	(540) 984-5838
		Emergency Operations E-mail	Harris.Duncan@emp.shentel.com
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	Fixed Broadband Subscription	ILEC Broadband Subscription.csv	Mar 8, 2021 13:46:36	160
	Fixed Voice Subscription	ILEC Voice Subscription.csv	Mar 8, 2021 13:41:33	16

#### Fixed Broadband Deployment

#### Census Block Counts by State, DBA Name and Technology

State	DBA Name	Technology	Blocks
Virginia	Virginia Shentel	ADSL2	2012
		Optical Carrier/Fiber to the End User	973
		Other Copper Wireline	2012
Total			4997

#### Fixed Broadband Subscription

#### Fixed Broadband Subscriptions by State, Technology and End-user Type

			Subscriptions				
State	Technology	Census Tracts	Consumer	Business / Govt	Total		
Virginia	Asymmetric xDSL	94	6620	463	7083		
	Optical Carrier/Fiber to the End User	65	191	118	309		
	Other Copper Wireline	1	0	1	1		
Total	Total		6811	582	7393		

#### Fixed Broadband Subscriptions by Bandwidths and End-user Type

Downstream Bandwidth (in Mbps)	Upstream Bandwidth (in Mbps)	Consumer	Business / Govt	Total
0.384	0.128	29	3	3:
0.768	0.512	58	2	6
1.500	0.512	393	18	41
1.500	1.500	0	1	
3.000	0.768	1665	104	176
5.000	0.768	1249	204	145
5.000	1.000	8	0	
10.000	1.000	1609	107	171
10.000	10.000	0	21	2
15.000	1.000	1654	25	167
15.000	15.000	0	11	1
20.000	20.000	0	22	2
25.000	5.000	10	0	1
25.000	25.000	0	10	1
30.000	30.000	0	1	
50.000	10.000	111	0	11
50.000	50.000	0	28	2
70.000	70.000	0	1	
100.000	100.000	0	13	1
101.000	10.000	18	0	1
125.000	125.000	0	1	
150.000	10.000	6	0	
200.000	200.000	0	5	
300.000	300.000	0	1	
1000.000	10.000	1	0	

Downstream Bandwidth (in Mbps)	Upstream Bandwidth (in Mbps)	Consumer	Business / Govt	Total
1000.000	1000.000	0	4	4
Total		6811	582	7393

#### Fixed Broadband Subscriptions by Technology, Bandwidths and End-user Type

Technology	Downstream Bandwidth (in Mbps)	Upstream Bandwidth (in Mbps)	Consumer	Business / Govt	Total
Asymmetric xDSL	0.384	0.128	29	3	32
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	15.000	1.000	1643	25	1668
Optical Carrier/Fiber to the End	5.000	1.000	8	0	8
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	15.000	15.000	0		11
	20.000	20.000	0		22
	25.000	5.000	10		10
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	30.000	30.000	0		1
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	200.000	200.000	0	5	5
	300.000	300.000	0	1	1
	1000.000	10.000	1	0	1
	1000.000	1000.000	0	4	4
Other Copper Wireline	1.500	1.500	0	1	1
Total			6811	582	7393

#### Fixed Voice Subscription

#### VGE Lines and VoIP Subscriptions by State and End-user Type

State	e Total VGE Lines Consumer VGE Lines		Total VoIP Subscriptions	Consumer VoIP Subscriptions	
Virginia	12070	8749	0	0	
Total	12070	8749	0	0	

#### Fixed Voice Subscription (VGE Lines)

#### VGE Lines Provided to Unaffiliated Providers by State

State	Wholesale	UNE-L	
Virginia	0	0	
Total	0	0	

#### VGE Lines Provided to End Users by State, Bundle and Product Type

		by Bundle		by Product Type			
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State	Total	Sold w/ Internet	Sold w/o Internet	& No PIC	& PIC	& No PIC	& PIC
Virginia	12070	4473	7597	1656	7093	628	2693
Total	12070	4473	7597	1656	7093	628	2693

#### VGE Lines Provided to End Users by State, Ownership and Last-mile Medium

		by Ownership			by Last-mile Medium			
State	Total	Owned	UNE-L	Resale	FTTP	Coax	Fixed Wireless	Copper
Virginia	12070	12070	0	0	1753	0	0	10317
Total	12070	12070	0	0	1753	0	0	10317

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Filer Information	Company Name	Shenandoah Telephone Company
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	Filing Type	ILEC
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	499 ID	802200
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Emergency Operations Contact Information	Emergency Operations Name	Shentel NOC
	Emergency Operations Phone Number	(540) 984-5531
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## Fixed Broadband Deployment

## Census Block Counts by State, DBA Name and Technology

State DBA Name Tech	hnology	Blocks
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State	DBA Name	Technology	Blocks
Virginia	Shentel	ADSL2	2,012
		Optical Carrier/Fiber to the End User	992
		Other Copper Wireline	2,012
Total			5,016

## Fixed Broadband Subscription

## Fixed Broadband Subscriptions by State, Technology and End User Type

			Subscriptions		
State	Technology	Census Tracts	Consumer	Business/Govt.	Total
Virginia	Asymmetric xDSL	92	6,398	440	6,838
	Optical Carrier/Fiber to the End User	66	230	124	354
Total		158	6,628	564	7,192

## Fixed Broadband Subscriptions by Bandwidths and End User Type

Downstream Bandwidth (in Mbps)	Upstream Bandwidth (in Mbps)	Consumer	Business/Govt.	Total
0.384	0.128	25	3	28
0.768	0.512	52	2	54
1.500	0.512	347	14	361
1.500	1.500	0	1	1
3.000	0.768	1,463	99	1,562
5.000	0.768	1,132	189	1,321
10.000	1.000	1,621	108	1,729
10.000	10.000	0	17	17
15.000	1.000	1,758	25	1,783
15.000	15.000	0	6	6
20.000	20.000	0	21	21
25.000	5.000	20	2	22
25.000	25.000	0	5	5
30.000	30.000	0	5	5
50.000	10.000	183	0	183
50.000	50.000	0	35	35
70.000	70.000	0	1	1

Downstream Bandwidth (in Mbps)	Upstream Bandwidth (in Mbps)	Consumer	Business/Govt.	Total
100.000	100.000	0	17	17
101.000	10.000	21	1	22
125.000	125.000	0	1	1
200.000	200.000	0	6	6
300.000	10.000	3	0	3
300.000	300.000	0	3	3
1,000.000	10.000	3	0	3
1,000.000	1,000.000	0	3	3
Total		6,628	564	7,192

## Fixed Broadband Subscriptions by Technology, Bandwidths and End User Type

Technology	Downstream Bandwidth (in Mbps)	Upstream Bandwidth (in Mbps)	Consumer	Business/Govt.	Total
Asymmetric xDSL	0.384	0.128	25	3	28
	0.768	0.512	52	2	54
	1.500	0.512	347	14	361
	3.000	0.768	1,463	99	1,562
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Optical Carrier/Fiber to the End User	1.500	1.500	0	1	1
	10.000	10.000	0	17	17
	15.000	15.000	0	6	6
	20.000	20.000	0	21	21
	25.000	5.000	20	2	22
	25.000	25.000	0	5	5
	30.000	30.000	0	5	5
	50.000	10.000	183	0	183
	50.000	50.000	0	35	35
	70.000	70.000	0	1	1
	100.000	100.000	0	17	17
	101.000	10.000	21	1	22
	125.000	125.000	0	1	1
	200.000	200.000	0	6	6

Technology	Downstream Bandwidth (in Mbps)	Upstream Bandwidth (in Mbps)	Consumer	Business/Govt.	Total
	300.000	10.000	3	0	3
	300.000	300.000	0	3	3
	1,000.000	10.000	3	0	3
	1,000.000	1,000.000	0	3	3
Total			6,628	564	7,192

## **Fixed Voice Subscription**

## VGE Lines and VoIP Subscriptions by State and End User Type

State	Total VGE Lines	Consumer VGE Lines	Total VoIP Subscriptions	Consumer VoIP Subscriptions	
Virginia	11,659	8,468	0	0	
Total	11,659	8,468	0	0	

## Fixed Voice Subscription (VGE Lines)

### VGE Lines Provided to Unaffiliated Providers by State

State	Wholesale	UNE-L
Virginia	0	0
Total	0	0

### VGE Lines Provided to End Users by State, Bundle and Product Type

		by Bundle		by Product Type			
				Consumer		Business/Govt.	
State	Total	Sold w/ Internet	Sold w/o Internet	& No PIC	& PIC	& No PIC	& PIC
Virginia	11,659	4,158	7,501	1,580	6,888	596	2,595
Total	11,659	4,158	7,501	1,580	6,888	596	2,595

#### VGE Lines Provided to End Users by State, Ownership and Last-Mile Medium

	Total	by Ownership			by Last-Mile Medium			
State		Owned	UNE-L	Resale	FTTP	Coax	Fixed Wireless	Copper
Virginia	11,659	11,659	0	0	1,839	0	0	9,820
Total	11,659	11,659	0	0	1,839	0	0	9,820

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# Marketing & Citizen Engagement Plan





## Marketing & Citizen Engagement Plan

## Timeline

Franchise agreement signed: Press Release 90 Days prior to construction: post on our Glo Fiber social media pages 60 Days prior to construction: Direct Mail to LCPs announcing Glo Fiber beginning construction 60 Days prior to construction: Media efforts **30 Days prior to construction**: Launch Press Release **30 Days prior to construction:** Construction door tags **3-Days prior to construction:** Construction imminent door tags **Construction Start Date:** Coming Soon Digital Ads **Construction Start Date:** Email to pre-registered leads **30 Days before LCP is Active:** Direct Mail to LCPs with special offer **Construction progress:** Email to pre-registered leads **Service Available:** Email to pre-registered leads **Installation:** Yard stake



## Marketing & Citizen Engagement Plan

## 90 days prior to construction

## **Social Media**

- Post on Glo Fiber Facebook and Instagram pages ٠
- Text with post would provide more detail of availability ٠
- Image provided to municipality to post on their social media ٠ pages



Sample

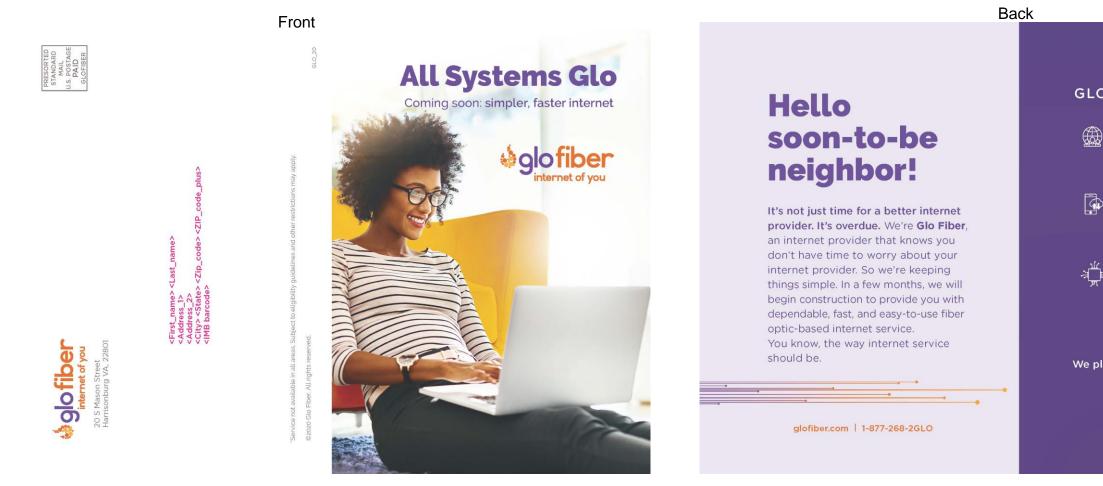
## coming to Frederick.



## 60 days prior to construction

## **Direct Mail**

- Sent to all households in the LCP slated for construction in the next 60 days
- Introduction to Glo Fiber
- 6x9 double-sided, folded mail piece



### GLO FIBER-FAST FACTS:



### Reliable network

Powered by Shentel, our parent company founded in 1902.



### Fiber for the whole family

Options starting at 300 Mbps for internet, streaming, and phone services.



### Our fiber

A faster and more reliable internet option with customer service nearby.

### HAVE A QUESTION?

We placed your answer right over here. glofiber.com





## 30 days prior to construction

## **Door Tags**

- Deployed by D2D team
- All households in the LCP slated for construction in the next 30 days are tagged
- Provides basic overview of construction process and service offerings
- Website listed on door tag will provide more detailed information





### Fiber Internet

- Internet speeds that fit your lifestyle, up to 2 Gbps.
- · Fiber to the home connection provides a high speed, bandwidth rich network. Get upload speeds as fast as your download speeds making the sharing of content faster
  - · Wall to wall WIFI blankets your home in fast, reliable WIFI.

### Streaming TV

- App based TV allows you to bring your own device. Use your Apple TV, Amazon Fire TV, mobile devices or some Smart TVs without the need for an additional cable box.
- parental controls
- Watch your recordings and some of your channels on the go. Set recordings from your phone.

### **Fiber Phone**

### Date 8/24/21





## 3 days prior to construction

## **Door Tags**

- Deployed by Construction team
- All households in the LCP slated for construction in the next 3 days are tagged
- Provides update construction process and what to expect during that time
- Website listed on door tag will provide more detailed information



### For more information, please visit or call glofiber.com/construction 540-984-5510

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### **Fiber Internet**

- Internet speeds that fit your lifestyle, up to 2 Gbps.
- reliable WIFI.

### Streaming TV

- parental controls.
- your phone.

### Fiber Phone

Date 8/24/21





· Fiber to the home connection provides a high speed, bandwidth rich network. Get upload speeds as fast as your download speeds making the sharing of content faster. · Wall to wall WIFI blankets your home in fast,

App based TV allows you to bring your own device. Use your Apple TV, Amazon Fire TV, the need for an additional cable box.

Watch your recordings and some of your channels on the go. Set recordings from



## Construction start date

## **Coming Soon Digital Ad**

Date: 8/24/21

- Geotargeted to zip codes/neighborhoods that will be getting Glo Fiber
- Learn more button linked to Glo Fiber website for more information. User can check for serviceability and preregister for updates

Digital Ad - Sample

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Coming to

Frederick

the internet

you deserve

Learn More





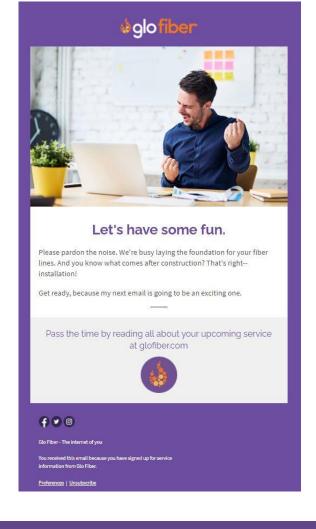
## Various stages throughout construction process

## **Email notifications**

• Sent to those that pre-register on Glo Fiber website informing of construction progress



### Construction start date



### Construction in progress Email

## Date: 8/24/21

### Service Available



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Glo Fiber - The internet of you

You received this email because you have signed up for service information from Glo Fiber.

Preferences | Unsubscribe



## 30 days before LCP is active

### **Direct Mail**

- Sent to all households in the active LCP
- Special offer as incentive to try Glo Fiber •
- 6x9 double-sided, folded mail piece ٠



Front



Date 8/24/21





smartest smart homes. The streamiest streaming devices. Literally the fastest internet speed to

Varning: Once you experience 2 gigs per second, you will never wa to go slower again.





## Installation

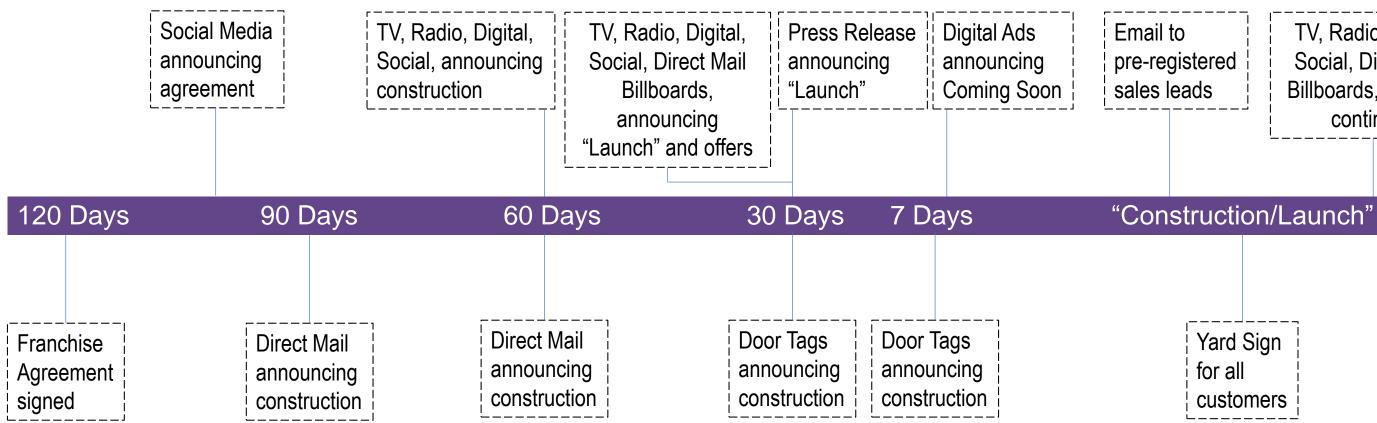
## Yard Stake

- Used after installation in homeowner's yard
- Homeowner approval required









TV, Radio, Digital, Social, Direct Mail Billboards, @ offers continues











## Timeline

- 30 60 days prior to launch: PR outreach to local media outlets & social media posts on local pages announcing coverage areas that will soon be launched.
- 30 days prior to launch: Digital ad campaign geo fenced to focus on the coverage area, utilizing a "Coming Soon" theme. Social Media also shifts in its messaging.
- At launch: Direct mail letters are sent, targeting serviceable households in the new coverage area. Digital ads, social media, Online search terms, billboards, updated press release and local marketing representatives place flyers and signs in public areas and businesses.
- **Post launch:** In the weeks and months that follow, a second direct mail campaign is launched targeting the new coverage area, digital ads and social media continue, as does the placement of yard stake signs and marketing materials in local businesses and other public gathering places.



## 30 - 60 Days prior to launch

- Public Relations Local Outreach
- PR agency reaches out to local media outlets with pre-launch information about Beam.
- PR agency also pitches providing access to key Subject Matter Experts at Shentel for follow-up questions and additional news content and articles.
- Local newspaper(s), TV, radio stations, Chamber of Commerce, etc.



For Immediate Release

### Shentel Expands its Beam Internet Service to Philippi, West Virginia, Barboursville, Virginia and Shenandoah, Virginia

Reliable, High-Speed Internet Is Now Available to more than 1,700 Underserved Households in Barbour, Orange, and Page Counties

Edinburg, Va. (August 9, 2021) - Shenandoah Telecommunications Company ("Shentel") (Nasdaq: SHEN) announced the expansion of high-speed Internet access to Philippi, West Virginia, Barboursville, Virginia and Shenandoah, Virginia through Beam, its new fixed wireless broadband service. This expansion will benefit over 1,700 households within Barbour, Orange, and Page Counties in West Virginia and Virginia and is part of a larger expansion that has already made service available to over 22 000 households this year

In Philippi, West Virginia an estimated 6 mile coverage radius is being broadcast out from a communications tower located at 185 Antenna Drive, providing coverage to over 800 households.

In Barboursville, Virginia an estimated 6 mile coverage radius is being broadcast out from a communications tower located at 3632 Spotswood Trail, providing coverage to over 350 households.

In Shenandoah, Virginia an estimated 6 mile coverage radius is being broadcast out from a communications tower located at 266 Panther Drive, providing coverage to over 500 households

with no hidden fees or surcharges.

"Shentel has been providing communications solutions to rural America for over 100 years," said Dan Meenan, VP of Wireless Engineering & Construction at Shentel, "Beam Internet is an advanced technology built to provide fast, affordable, and reliable high speed Internet to underserved homes and businesses who have been ignored for far too long ... '

For more information about Beam internet, please visit www.iwantbeam.com or call (540) 534-2326.

### Media Contact:

### Matt Kruege

Vice President of Product Management & Marketing matt.krueger@emp.shentel.con Office: (540) 984-5390

Beam Internet targets rural, less densely populated areas of Shentel's footprint during a time when reliable, high-speed Internet has become more critical than ever before. Beam's fixed wireless broadband service is delivered over licensed 2.5GHz and 3.5GHz mid-band spectrum and leverages 5Gready LTE technology, local communications towers, small cell sites, and Shentel's extensive regional fiber optic network. Beam offers download speeds up to 100 Mbos, and prices start at \$60 per month



# 30 Days prior to launch

- Social Media
- Post on Beam Facebook and Instagram pages.
- Posts would provide additional details regarding benefits and availability.
- Posts can link to the Beam website, where local addresses can be checked for serviceability and pre-registration.



Pre-launch graphic example.



# 30 Days prior to launch

- Coming Soon Digital Ads
- Geo-targeted to zip codes/neighborhoods that will be getting Beam.
- Learn more button linked to the Beam website for more information. User can check for serviceability and pre-register.



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# 30 Days prior to launch

- **Coming Soon Social Media Posts** ullet
- Geotargeted to zip codes/neighborhoods that will • be getting Beam
- Learn more button linked to the Beam website for more information. User can check for serviceability and pre-register



Pre-launch graphic example.





# At launch

- Direct Mail
- Traditional letter to provide thorough content and frequently asked questions & answers.
- Sent to all households in the new coverage area.
- Provides a strong call to action and follow-up contact information.





### What is Beam?

Beam is a brand new high-speed internet service. We beam a signal to your house wirelessly from a nearby tower. This enables Beam's internet signal to reach people who haven't been eligible for other internet services in the past.

### Who can get it?

To be eligible for Beam Internet, your home needs to be within range of one of our towers. Before you pay anything, we'll send out a technician to make sure your home can get a strong signal.

### How is this better than DSL?

DSL usually has a maximum speed of 15 Mbps for users. Depending on your location, Beam can provide speeds from around 25 Mbps up to 100 Mbps.

### I've heard about these kinds of services before. What makes Beam different?

Other providers use a shared spectrum, which can make internet access sporty and unreliable when a large number of people, business and electronic devices are using that spectrum at the same time. To solve this issue whe have invested in our own licensed spectrum, so you won't be competing for internet access because only Beam customers are on our network. Plus, with Beam's high powered network, external interference and most weather conditions worh affect your internet access.

### How reliable is the service?

Reliability is our first priority. We work hard to keep you from dealing with service interruptions, and pride ourselves here here go late of are reliable product. However due to the technology used, sometimes things outside of our control can occasionally cause your internet speed to vary. Therefore you will likely not see the maximum speeds at all times.

### Do I need a clear line of sight to a tower?

Not necessarily. The signal we use can beam through many obstacles. However, there are some things that will bock service, such as rack, metal buildings and dense tree growth. We can't be 100%, certain about availability until a technician tests the signal strength at your house.

### What speed is best for me?

Every household is different and has different Internet needs.

- Our entry-level service (up to 25 Mbps) is great for homes with a few internet users who only need basic web browsing and email.
- The mid-level package (up to 50 Mbps) is better for households that'll be streaming, gaming, learning, or working from home and have a few connected devices.
- Our fastest package (up to 100 Mbps) keeps families with a lot of streaming, gaming, and smart home devices connected without compromise

### What about other services?

We're currently focused on building a high quality, high-speed internet network for those who need it most. However, we are looking to provide phone service in the near future.

### How long have you been in business?

Shentel, our parent company, has been offering telecommunications services for over 100 years. Everything we do is based on our core belief that everyone deserves access to high-quality services, regardless of where they live. Beam is the next step in this Shentel tradition, expanding options for reliable high-speed intermet to places that couldn't get it before.

### Reach Out To Us

To sign up, or for more info call **(866) 583-1730**.

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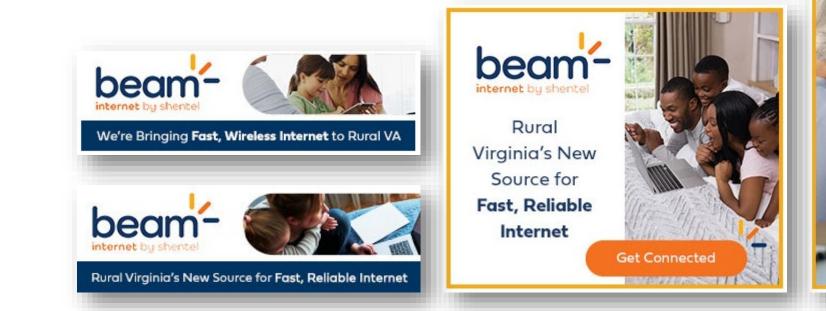
# At launch

- Digital Ads
- Geo-targeted to zip codes/neighborhoods that will be getting Beam.
- Learn more button linked to the Beam website for more information. User can check for serviceability and pre-register.



We're Bringing Fast Wireless Internet to Rural VA Homes

Learn More







# Speeds up to 100mbps

# Rates start at \$60/Month

## Local Support

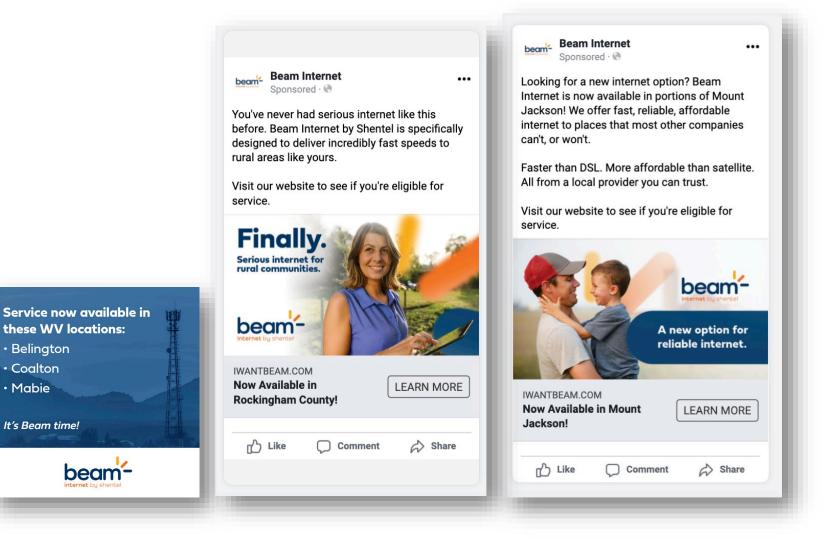




## At launch

# Social Media

- Post on the Beam Facebook and Instagram pages as well as paid advertising through Facebook.
- Posts would provide more details regarding benefits and availability.
- Posts can link to the Beam website, where local addresses can be checked for serviceability and pre-registration.





# At launch

- Local Marketing
- Visit local businesses and common gathering places to introduce them to Beam and ask for permission to leave local marketing materials:
  - Flyers
  - Table Tents
  - Small Posters
  - Yard Signs





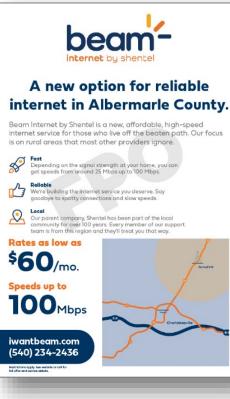
5"x7" Flyer, for local business countertops, pizza box toppers, etc.



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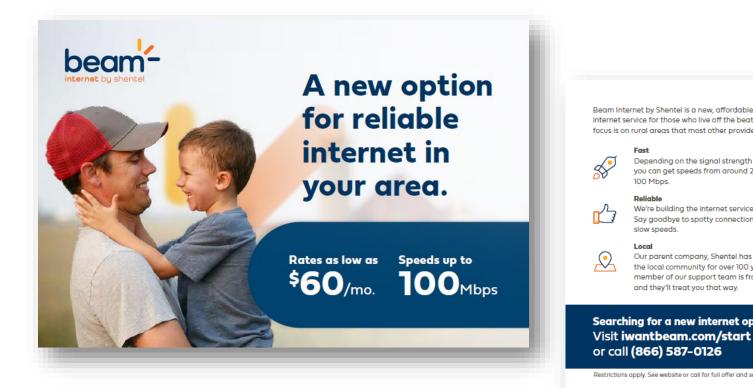
11"x17" Customizable Poster

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# Two weeks after launch

- Direct Mail
- Sent to all households in the active coverage area as a follow-up reminder of Beam service being available
- 6x9 postcard



Beam Internet by Shentel is a new, affordable, high-speed internet service for those who live off the beaten path. Our focus is on rural areas that most other providers ignore.

> Depending on the signal strength at your home, you can get speeds from around 25 Mbps up to

We're building the internet service you deserve. Say goodbye to spotty connections and

Our parent company, Shentel has been part of the local community for over 100 years. Every member of our support team is from this region and they'll treat you that way.

Searching for a new internet option?

Restrictions apply. See website or call for full offer and service details. 333651 2103



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# 90 Days prior to launch

- Yard Stake
- Placed in the homeowner's yard after service installation in is complete.
- Promotes Beam to both the neighbors & all local traffic.
- Homeowner approval required.





# Post launch

- Direct Mail
- Sent to all households in the new coverage area around 90 days after launch.
- Introduction to Beam, the service benefits and the next steps to take to learn more & sign up.
- Large folded postcard that merges the primary content from the traditional Beam letter and the Beam postcard.





### Hey Neighbor

Your address now qualifies for wireless internet service from Beam Internet.

Our goal is to deliver an affordable, reliable internet option to people who have not had one in the past. And it's fast. Depending on where you live, you could see speeds up to 100 Mbps.

Since we are using towers to 'beam' the Internet to you over the air, there are no poles or cables to worry about, making it much easier and more affordable to reach homes like yours.

Plans start at just \$60/month - and that includes all the necessary equipment to get you up and running. Plus, there are no contracts and no data overage charges.



Ready to get started or have a question? Visit **iwantbeam.com/ready** or call **(866) 772-8733** 

