

**Milestone Certification**

**BENTON RIDGE TELEPHONE COMPANY**

I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier. I hereby certify that Benton Ridge Telephone Company has taken reasonable steps to provide upon reasonable request broadband service at actual speeds of at least 4 Mbps downstream/1Mbps upstream, with latency suitable for real-time applications, including Voice over Internet Protocol, and usage capacity that is reasonably comparable to comparable offerings in urban areas as determined in an annual survey, and that requests for such service are met within a reasonable amount of time.

Martin L. Ellerbrock  
Signature

06/22/2015  
Date

Martin L. Ellerbrock  
Name

Corporate Secretary  
Title

**Community Anchor Institutions**  
**BENTON RIDGE TELEPHONE COMPANY**

**Community Anchor Institutions Which Began Receiving Broadband Access in 2014**

**None**



## CONFIRMATION

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SAC : 300590

SPIN : 143001651

Carrier Name : BENTON RIDGE TEL CO

Program Year : 2016

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PART B. STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS OR MARGINS		
ITEM	PRIOR YEAR	THIS YEAR
1. Local Network Services Revenues		
2. Network Access Services Revenues		
3. Long Distance Network Services Revenues		
4. Carrier Billing and Collection Revenues		
5. Miscellaneous Revenues		
6. Uncollectible Revenues		
7. Net Operating Revenues (1 thru 5 less 6)		
8. Plant Specific Operations Expense		
9. Plant Nonspecific Operations Expense (Excluding Depreciation & Amortization)		
10. Depreciation Expense		
11. Amortization Expense		
12. Customer Operations Expense		
13. Corporate Operations Expense		
14. Total Operating Expenses (8 thru 13)		
15. Operating Income or Margins (7 less 14)		
16. Other Operating Income and Expenses		
17. State and Local Taxes		
18. Federal Income Taxes		
19. Other Taxes		
20. Total Operating Taxes (17+18+19)		
21. Net Operating Income or Margins (15+16-20)		
22. Interest on Funded Debt		
23. Interest Expense - Capital Leases		
24. Other Interest Expense		
25. Allowance for Funds Used During Construction		
26. Total Fixed Charges (22+23+24-25)		
27. Nonoperating Net Income		
28. Extraordinary Items		
29. Jurisdictional Differences		
30. Nonregulated Net Income		
31. Total Net Income or margins (21+27+28+29+30-26)		
32. Total Taxes Based on Income		
33. Retained Earnings or Margins Beginning-of-Year		
34. Miscellaneous Credits Year-to-Date		
35. Dividends Declared (Common)		
36. Dividends Declared (Preferred)		
37. Other Debits Year-to-Date		
38. Transfers to Patronage Capital		
39. Retained Earnings or Margins end-of-Period [(31+33+34)-(35+36+37+38)]		
40. Patronage Capital Beginning-of-Year		
41. Transfers to Patronage Capital		
42. Patronage Capital Credits Retired		
43. Patronage Capital End-of-Year (40+41-42)		
44. Annual Debt Service Payments		
45. Cash Ratio [(14+20-10-11)/7]		
46. Operating Accrual Ratio [(14+20+26)/7]		
47. TIER [(31+26)/26]		
48. DSCR [(31+26+10+11)/44]		

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PART C. STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS	
1. Beginning Cash (Cash and Equivalents plus RUS Construction Fund)	
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	
2. Net Income	
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	
3. Add: Depreciation	
4. Add: Amortization	
5. Other (Explain):	
Changes in Operating Assets and Liabilities	
6. Decrease/(Increase) in Accounts Receivable	
7. Decrease/(Increase) in Materials and Inventory	
8. Decrease/(Increase) in Prepayments and Deferred Charges	
9. Decrease/(Increase) in Other Current Assets	
10. Increase/(Decrease) in Accounts Payable	
11. Increase/(Decrease) in Advance Billings & Payments	
12. Increase/(Decrease) in Other Current Liabilities	
13. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Operations	
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>	
14. Decrease/(Increase) in Notes Receivable	
15. Increase/(Decrease) in Notes Payable	
16. Increase/(Decrease) in Customer Deposits	
17. Net Increase/(Decrease) in Long Term Debt (Including Current Maturities)	
18. Increase/(Decrease) in Other Liabilities & Deferred Credits	
19. Increase/(Decrease) in Capital Stock, Paid-in Capital, Membership and Capital Certificates & Other Capital	
20. Less: Payment of Dividends	
21. Less: Patronage Capital Credits Retired	
22. Other (Explain):	
23. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Financing Activities	
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>	
24. Net Capital Expenditures (Property, Plant & Equipment)	
25. Other Long-Term Investments	
26. Other Noncurrent Assets & Jurisdictional Differences	
27. Other (Explain)	
28. Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Investing Activities	
29. Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash	
30. Ending Cash	

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**Officer Certification of Financial Statements**  
**BENTON RIDGE TELEPHONE COMPANY**

I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier. I hereby certify that Benton Ridge Telephone Company was not separately audited in the ordinary course of business in the preceding fiscal year, and the attached financial information is in accordance with the accounts and other records of our system, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information reported is accurate. I also certify that the underlying information has been subjected to review by an independent certified public accountant.

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Year 2014 Federal Universal Service Receipts:

Interstate Access Support	\$	█	
Interstate Common Line Support	\$	█	
Connect America Fund Support	\$	█	
High Cost Loop Support	\$	█	
Safety Net Additive Support	\$	█	
Safety Valve Loop Cost Adjustment	\$	█	
CAF-ICC	\$	█	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>█</b>	

Expenditures For Provision, Maintenance, and Upgrading Of Facilities and Services Supported By Federal Universal Service Funding:

	Actual 2014
<b>Plant Specific Operations Expenses</b>	
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Central office (Accts 6210-6232)	\$ █
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<b>Customer Operations Expenses</b>	
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<b>Corporate Operations Expenses</b>	
Executive and planning (Accts 6710-12)	\$ █
General and administrative (Accts 6720-28)	\$ █
<b>Total Annual Supported Expenses, Before Return on Investment</b>	<b>\$ █</b>
<b>Additions/Capital Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ █</b>
<b>Total Supported Expenditures, Before Return on Investment</b>	<b>\$ █</b>

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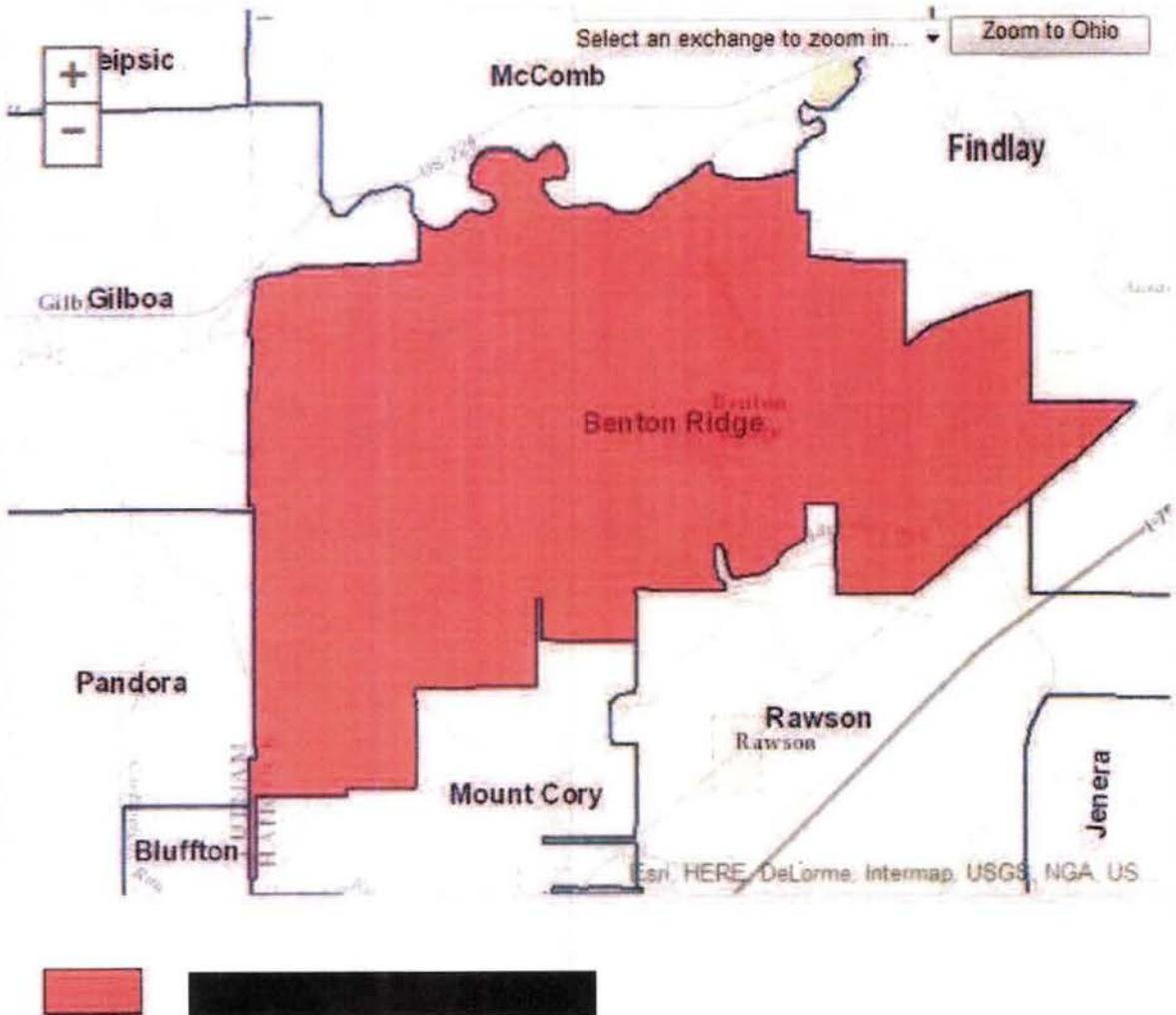
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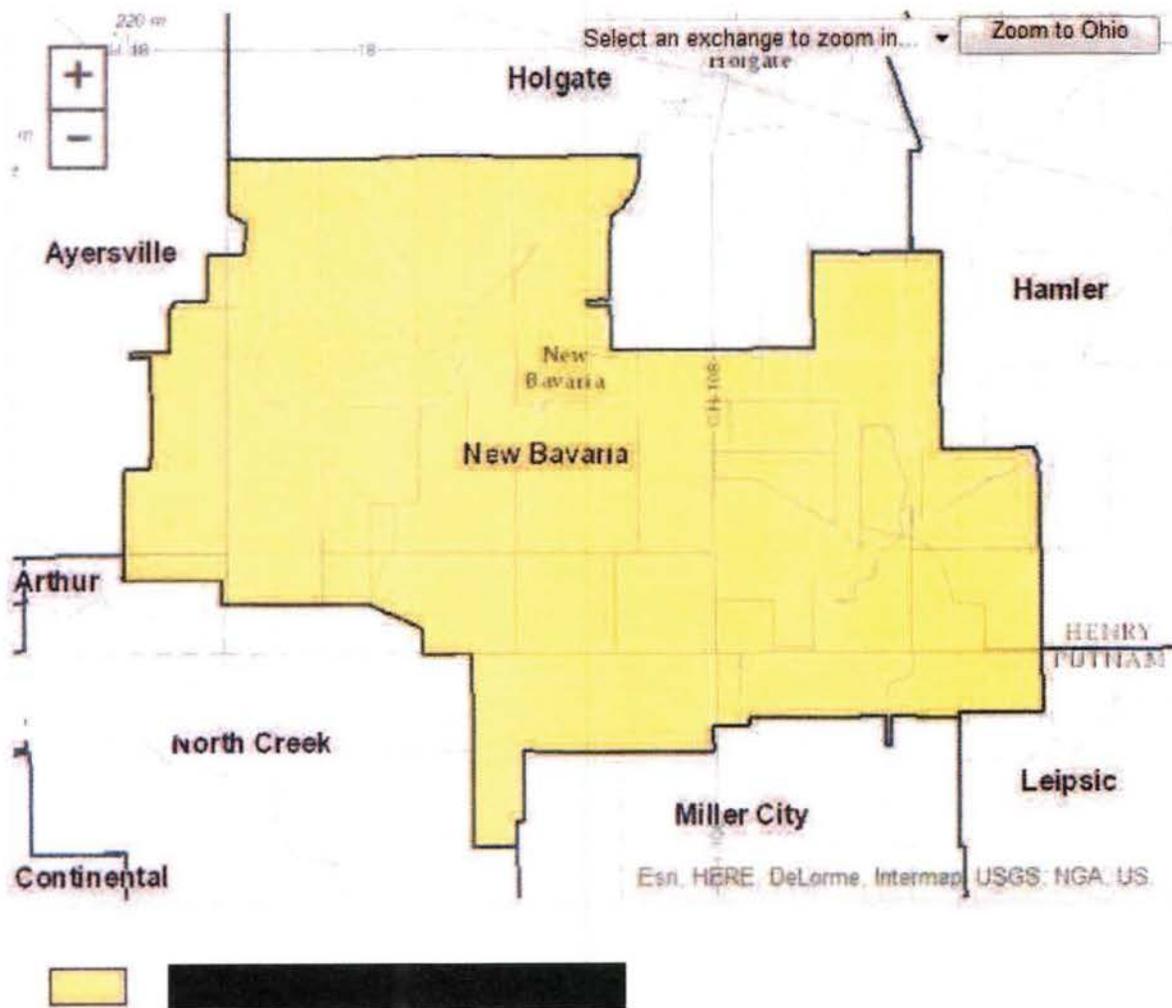
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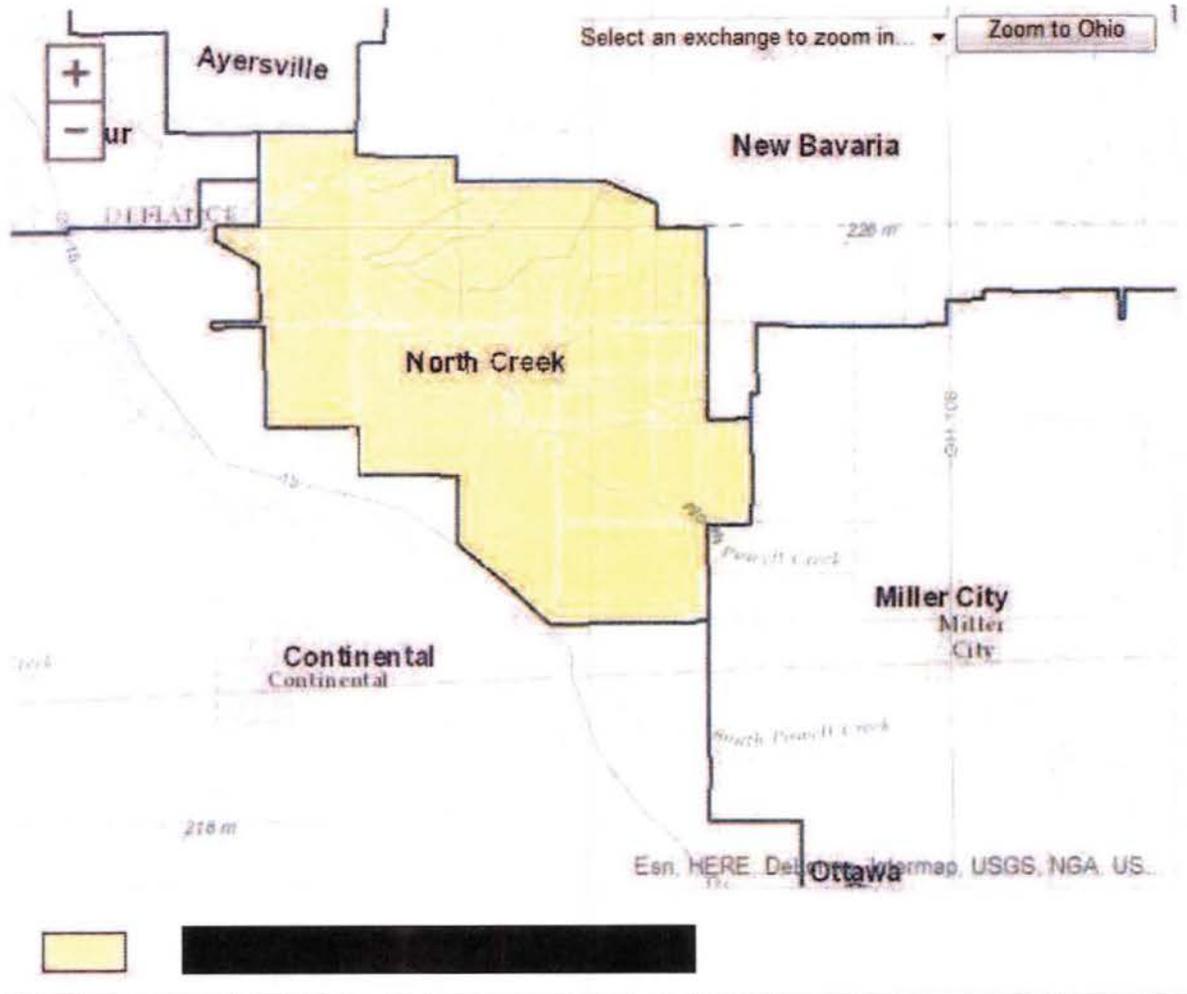
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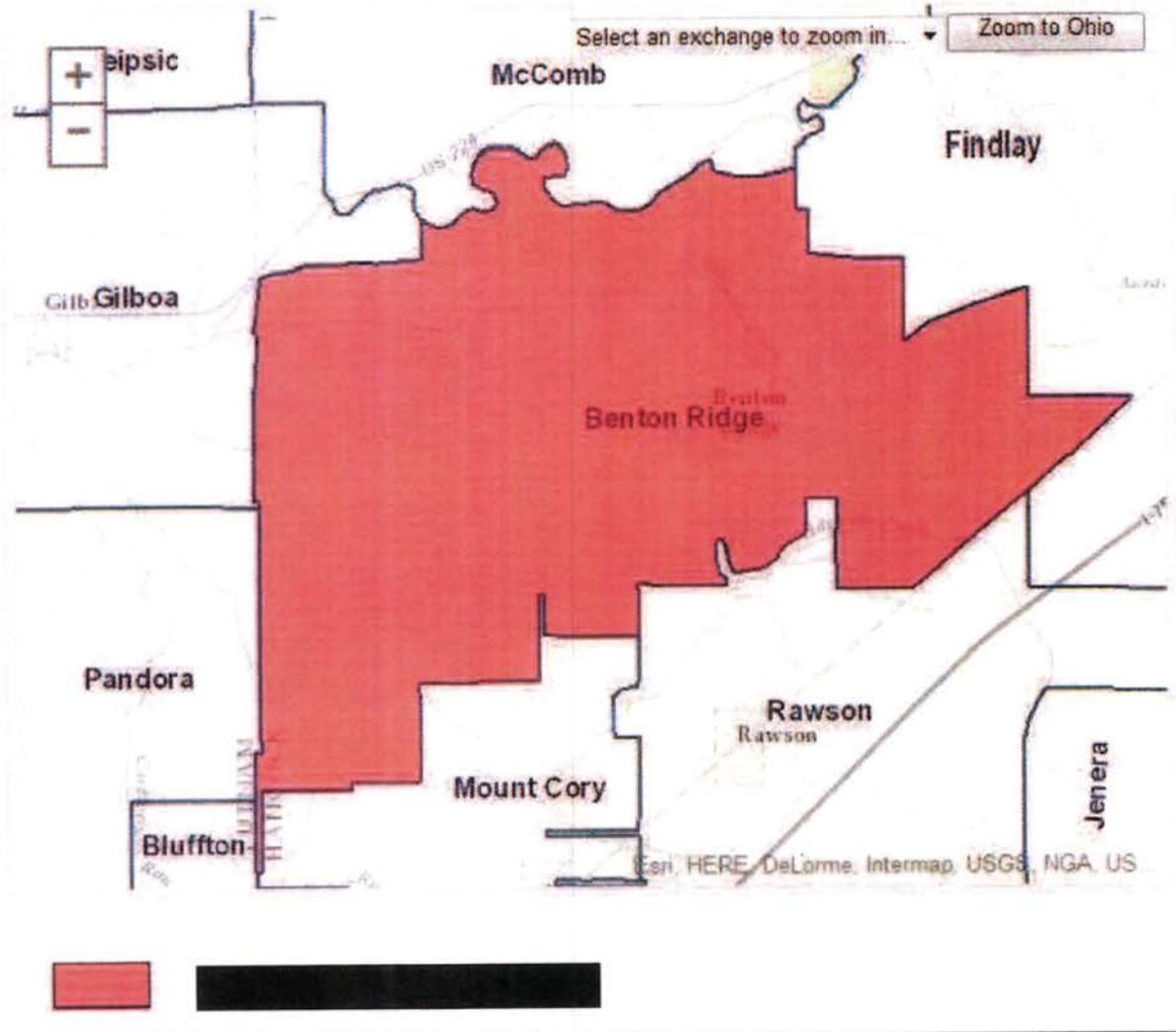
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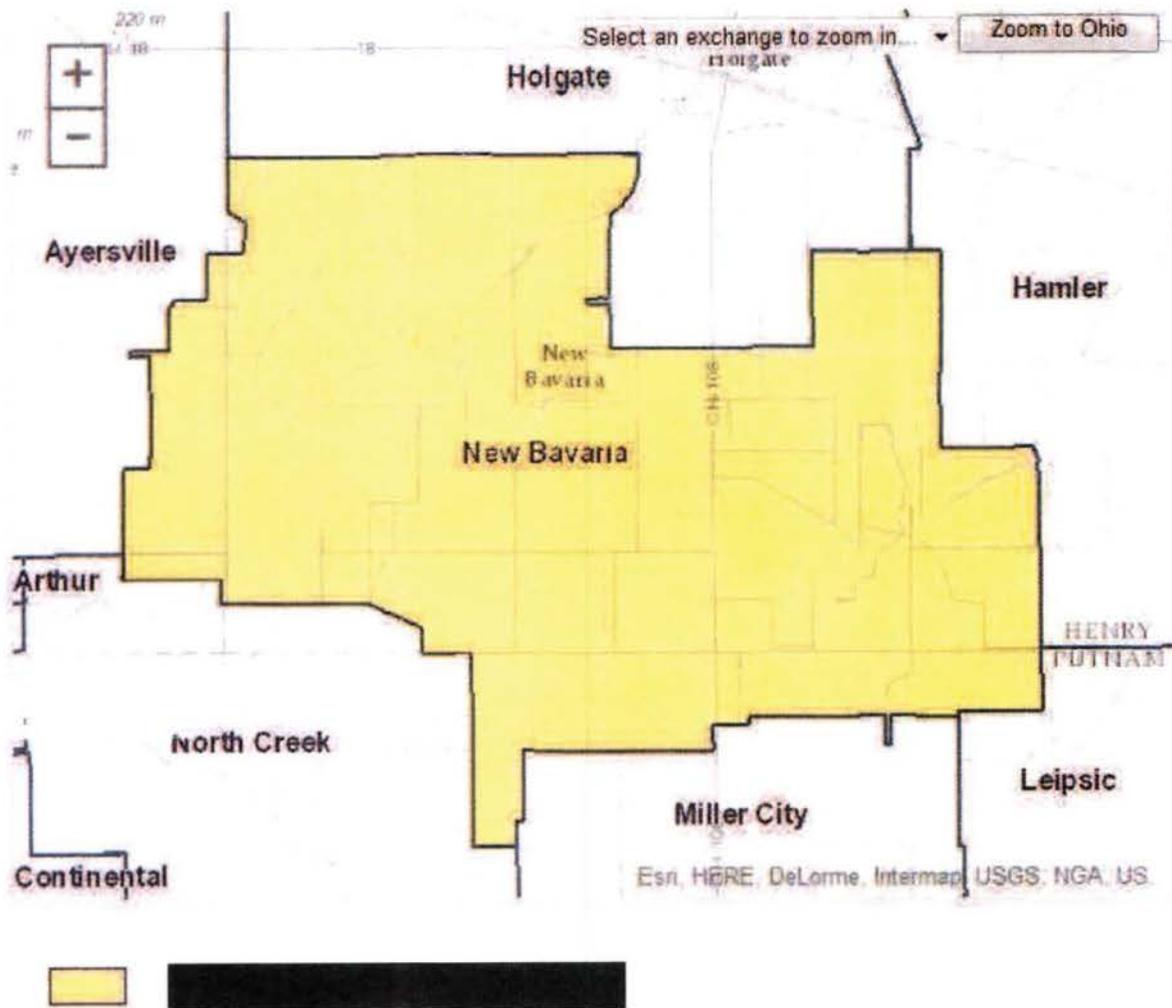
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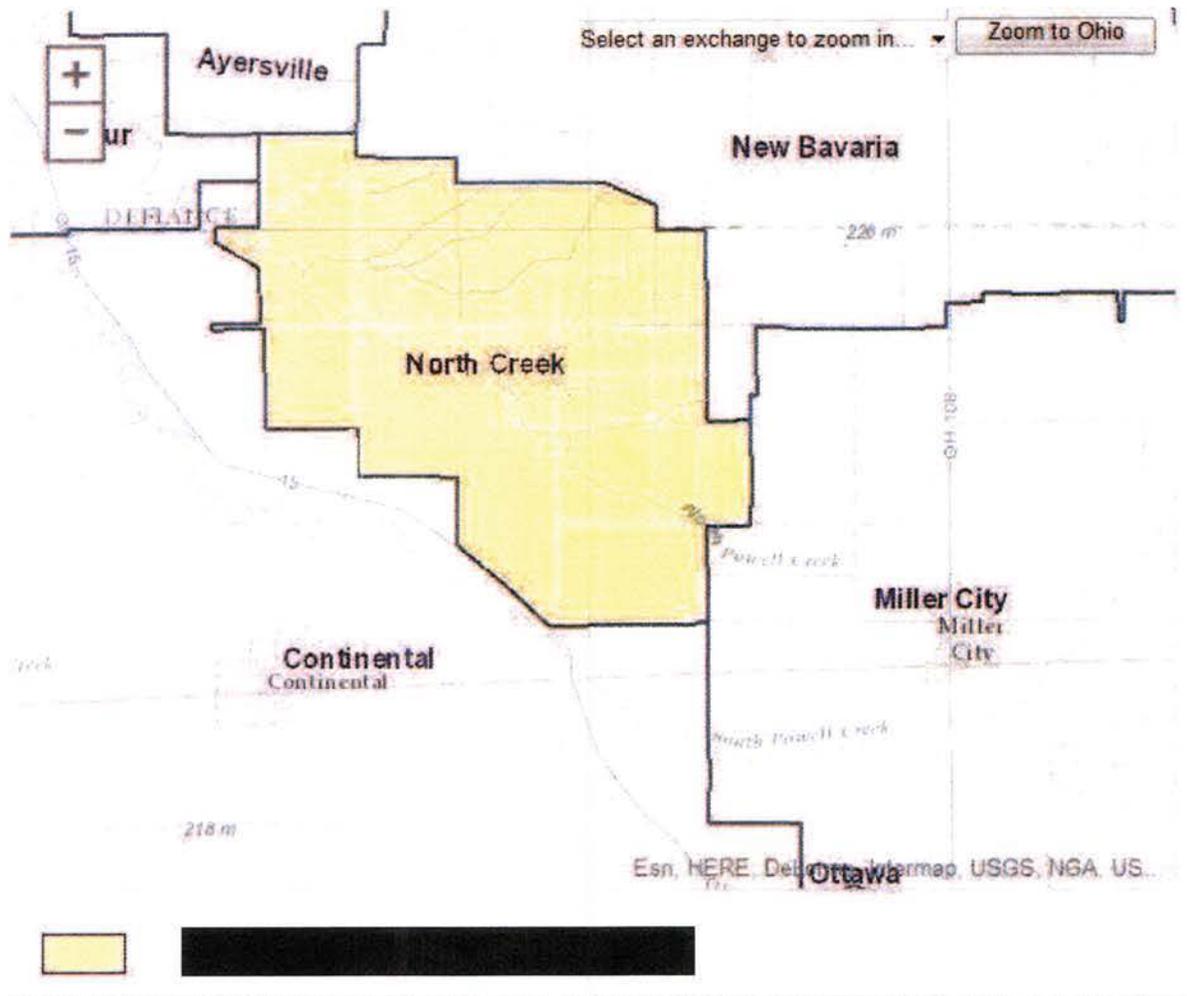
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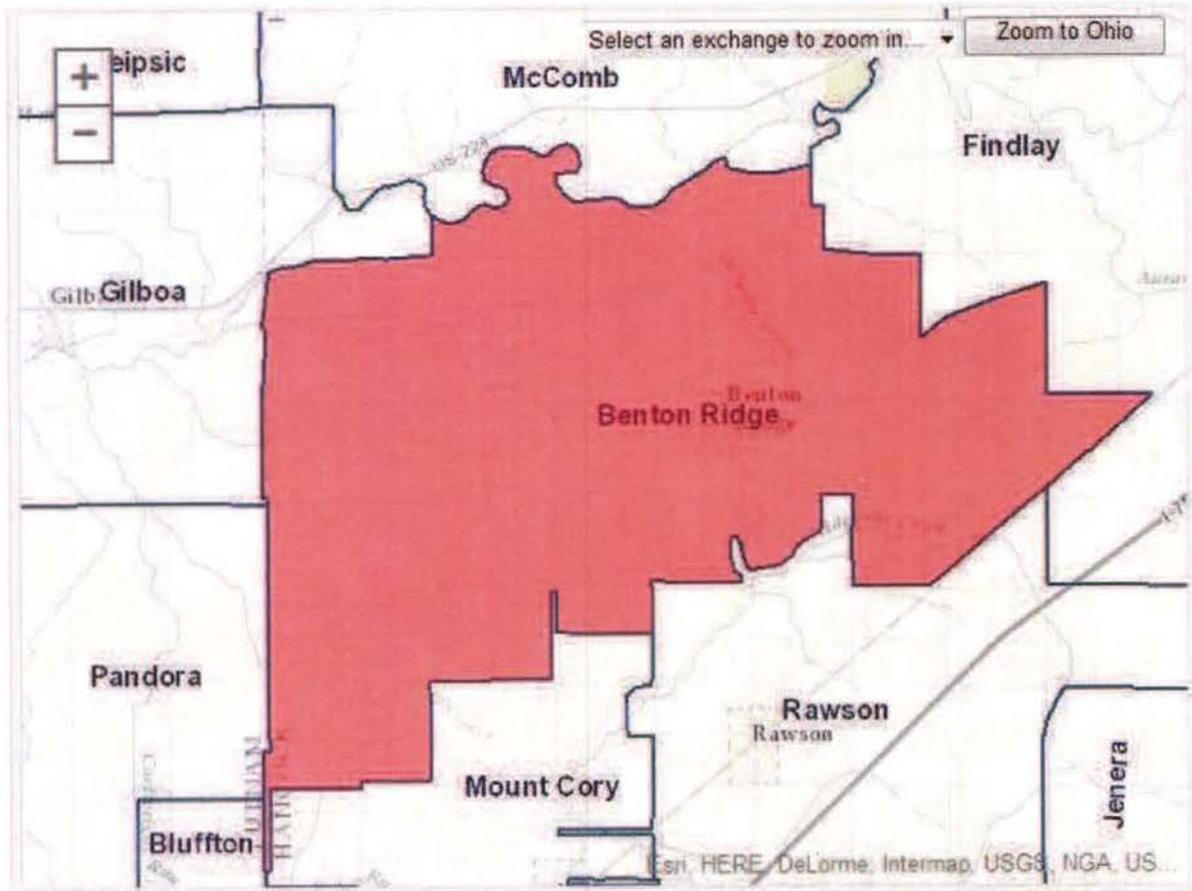
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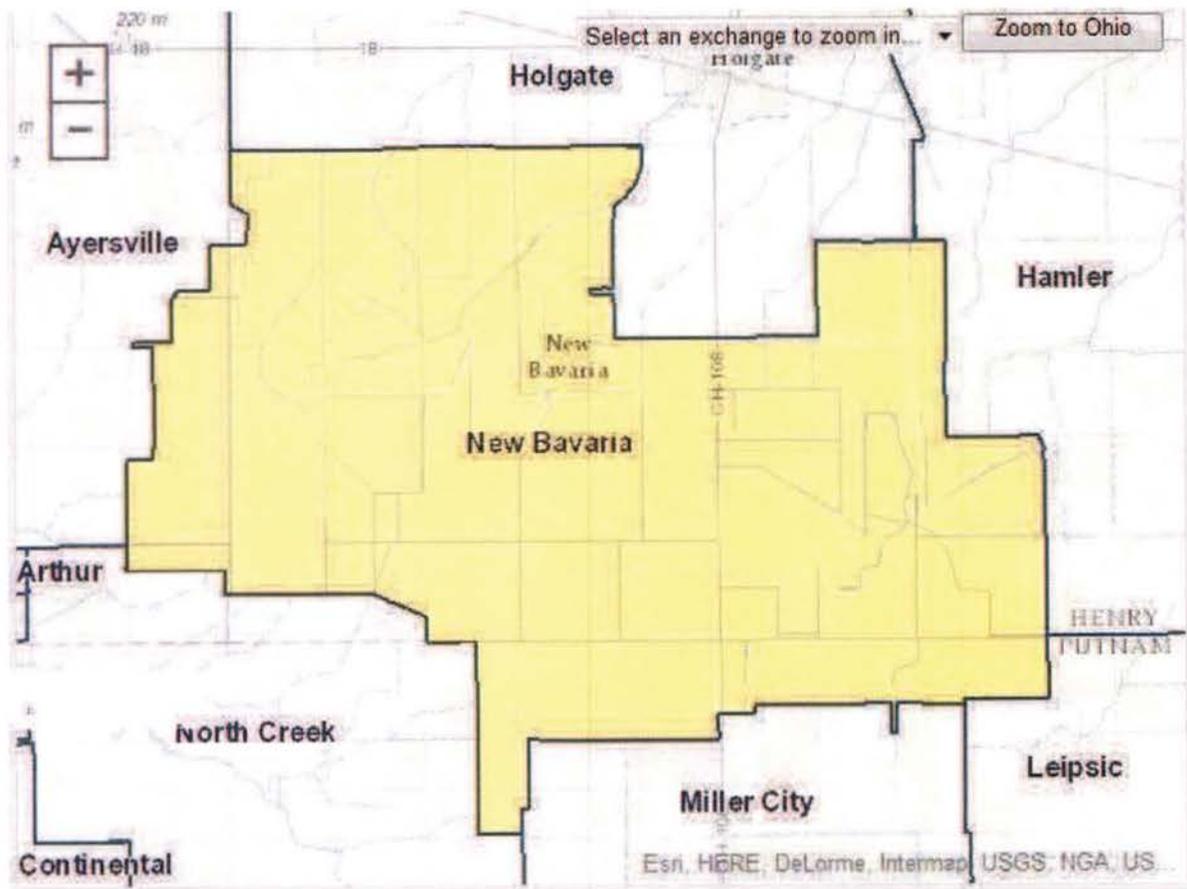
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