

I encourage the FCC to adopt more a appropriate definition of served households for the purpose of the SHVA. In today's modern, technologically advanced society the standard for determining an area with served households should not be limited to the current methodology of 50% of the homes at least 50% of the time, with no regard for topographical features. 100% of homes 100% of the time is a more appropriate standard to deploy in the modern world.

Also, the burden of signal testing in challenges should fall upon the affiliate in question. The government has given the affiliates a legislated monopoly in their given area, therefore it should fall upon those affiliates to conduct signal tests. These tests should also take into consideration the inability of some owners to deploy a standard rooftop antennae (apartment owners or members of a homeowners assoc.).

The days that gave rise to the protected monopolies are over, the television is no longer effective as an emergency communication device serving an individual community. More and more viewers have shied away from local networks and spend more of their viewing time on cable anyway.

If all else fails, I would like to encourage the FCC to adopt a rule forcing cable companies to provide local network service to any community resident requesting such service, either free as a service to the community or for a nominal charge including only the taxes associated with such service (no additional profit).

Thank you for your time and consideration.