

Mr. Nawalinski:

Thank you for your e-mail concerning WeavTel. I will see that it is included in the docket on this topic, which will ensure that a copy is sent to Chairman Sidran.

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Subject: Weavtel request for grant

Attn: Mark Sidran, Chairman, WUTC

Dear Mr. Sidran,

I understand that the Weavtel organization is requesting additional grant monies , perhaps as much as \$ 750,000, to install a telephone service to the small village of Stehekin, Washington. As a taxpayer, and owner of a second home in Stehekin for the past 34 years, I urge you to deny this improper use of public monies.

It seems highly improper that any public funds whatsoever be used to install this system that the Stehekin community almost unanimously objects to. Stehekin residents who want internet service, and the telephone services it affords, have already installed their own satellite systems. The cost per phone installed per user for the proposed Weavtel system, one that needs a call center , satellite receiver, land lines and wireless transmitters and receivers to cover this community, borders on being immoral. Furthermore, they have been unsuccessful in obtaining easements to install the land lines on private property. It is the sort of project that should be exposed on the popular NBC tv show, " The Fleecing of America".

The telecommunications act that supports systems such as Weavtel's was meant to assist communities that are clamoring for telephone and internet service that the telecom companies refused as being unprofitable. The proposed Weavtel system is clearly not in that category.

The above should be sufficient reason to not only deny Weavtel additional monies, but to cancel the entire project. The funds should be reserved to serve communities that the Telecommunications Act intended.

Sincerely,

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