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To: [Secretary, Board](#)
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To the Board of Public Utilities,

Regarding the proposed Altice/Service Electric acquisition:

I am a resident of Knowlton Twp, in rural Warren County.

In my location I have no choice ISP, and am stuck with paying \$60/month for max 10Mbps download speeds from CenturyLink; Service Electric passes by a couple of miles away but they will not expand further. I urge you to not approve this proposed merger until rural internet customers have affordable choice, and adequate (minimally Broadband) speeds.

I frequently work from home (and have been remotely working since March). As a Professor (Ramapo College) and therefore state employee, and not permitted at my work location, it is EXTREMELY difficult to perform my job (teaching) with such abysmal internet service.

It's pretty bad when, after storms, the linesmen from Kentucky and Tennessee remark that they have faster internet in rural Appalachia.

Thank you for your attention.

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