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Subject: why not put the broadband utility lines on the utility poles that already exist?

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While burying the broadband utility lines is a laudable goal, it also comes with increased cost and time delays compared to hanging the utility lines on the utility poles that are already installed throughout the county. Rural areas that can only get internet from a satellite, need broadband now, not in another 5-8 years.

If the public are paying for the lines, then the public should own the lines. Publicly funded utilities should be rate-payer owned. Taking money from the people, and giving it to wall st owned ISPs to implement what is basically a regional monopoly, is a surefire way to have a poorly maintained network that is prohibitively expensive.

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