



# Rural Broadband Development and Policy Public Hearing

May 20, 2022

Penn Wells Hotel, Wellsboro, Pennsylvania

## AGENDA

*(Testimony is linked to panelist name)*

**9:00AM Call to Order and Welcome, Senator Gene Yaw, Chairman**

**9:05AM Panel 1: Overview of the Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority**

- Brandon Carson, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority
- Erin Wachter, Deputy Secretary of Policy and Planning, Governor's Policy Office

**9:30AM Panel 2: Broadband Industry in Rural Pennsylvania: Cable and Fiber**

- Todd L. Eachus, President, Broadband Communications Association of Pennsylvania
- Joseph Lorah, Director of Government and Public Affairs, Blue Ridge

**9:50AM Panel 3: Broadband Industry in Rural Pennsylvania: Phone and Wireless**

- Steven Samara, President, Pennsylvania Telephone Association
- Thomas Musgrove, Government Affairs Manager, Crown Castle\*\*
- Barbara Burba, President, Pennsylvania Wireless Association and Christopher H. Schubert, Esq., Riley, Riper, Hollin & Colagreco, Treasurer, Pennsylvania Wireless Association

**10:20AM 10-Minute Break**

**10:30AM Panel 4: Northern Pennsylvania Broadband Perspectives: Education, Healthcare, and Tourism**

- Jason Bottiglieri, Superintendent, Wyalusing Area School District
- James A. Nobles, President & CEO, North Penn Comprehensive Health Services and Laurel Health Centers

**10:50AM Panel 5: Northern Pennsylvania Approaches to Broadband Planning and Implementation**

- Rachel Hauser, Director of Regulatory Affairs & Economic Development, Tri-Co Connections
- Kristin Hamilton, Executive Director, Develop Tioga
- Robert Veilleux, McKean County Economic Development Liaison\*\*

**11:20AM 15-Minute Break**

**11:35AM Panel 6: The Role of County Governments in Broadband Planning**

- Robert Postal, Mifflin County Commissioner (on behalf of the County Commissioner Association of Pennsylvania)
- Elizabeth A. Lose (presentation), Assistant Director, Centre County Planning and Community Development Office\*\*
- Erick Coolidge, Tioga County Commissioner

**12:05PM Panel 7: Broadband Planning Tools (30 mins)**

- Jeremy Jurick, Vice President, National Broadband Services Director, Michael Baker International
- Thomas Beresnyak, Client Relationship Manager; and Harry Crissy, Extension Educator, Penn State Extension
- Sascha Meinrath, Palmer Chair of Technology, Pennsylvania State University

**12:35PM Closing Remarks & Adjournment**

\*\* Participant via Zoom

**Submitted Written Testimony**

PA Wilds Center for Entrepreneurship Centre

County, PA

PA Route 6 Alliance

KINBER

Meta Mesh Wireless

Xtreme Enterprises and SkyPacket Networks

Windstream

DQE Communications

FirstLight Fiber

Verizon

Nokia