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HOUSE BILL 1066

Short Title: City of Wilson Communications Service. (Local)

Sponsors: Representatives Cooper-Suggs, Pierce, A. Jones, and Gailliard (Primary Sponsors).

For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.

Referred to: Energy and Public Utilities, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

May 27, 2022

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE SERVICE AREA IN WHICH THE CITY OF WILSON MAY PROVIDE COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE INCLUDES ANY PROPERTY THAT IS LOCATED WITHIN BOTH WILSON COUNTY AND AN ADJACENT COUNTY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 160A-340.2 reads as rewritten:

"§ 160A-340.2. Exemptions.

...

(c) The provisions of G.S. 160A-340.1, 160A-340.3, 160A-340.4, 160A-340.5, and 160A-340.6 do not apply to a city or joint agency providing communications service as of January 1, 2011, provided the city or joint agency limits the provision of communications service to any one or more of the following:

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(3) The following service areas:

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c. For the city of Wilson, the service area is the county limits of Wilson County, including the incorporated areas within the County. For purposes of this sub-subdivision, the county limits of Wilson County include the entirety of any property that is within the jurisdictional limits of both Wilson County and an adjacent county. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article, the city of Wilson may continue the provision of communication services to persons and businesses in the temporary extension areas under the condition that the provision of communication services in such areas is terminated by a date which is 30 days after the date retail service is first available in the area from a competitive provider of communications service that will provide Fiber to the Premises (FTTP) service. For purposes of this subdivision, "temporary extension areas" shall mean (i) the corporate limits of the Town of Pinetops and (ii) any service connection located within 800 feet of the centerline of Christian Road (State Road No. 1942) between its intersection with Bloomery Road (State Road No. 1996) and West Hornes Church Road (State Road No. 1941). Prior to the cessation of service, the city of Wilson may establish rates, fees, charges, and



1 penalties for the communication services provided in the temporary
2 extension areas in the same manner as communication services
3 provided in the county limits of Wilson County, including the
4 incorporated areas within the County. Service will be deemed
5 available for purposes of this provision upon the certification by a
6 competitive provider to the city that service is available in a temporary
7 extension area. For purposes of this subdivision, a competitive
8 provider is an incumbent local exchange carrier or cable
9 telecommunications company that is not presently providing Fiber to
10 the Premises (FTTP) service in the temporary extension areas.

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12 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.