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Our organization, West Parry Sound Smart Community Networks (WPSSmart), represents 7 municipalities with a year round population of 25,000 and seasonal population of 80,000.

Our mandate is to encourage and train the community the smart use of technology. To get to that stage we need the physical infrastructure in place.

WPSSmart has for the past few years worked toward building that infrastructure. We have a plan and committed ISP, the only missing ingredient is funding. The announce increase sets our timeline back as we are reliant on pole attachment to distribute Fibre networks to and within these municipalities.

See attached document for details of our position.

We ask first to reconsider this cost increase for rural areas. Secondly, if the first is not possible, have a formula for discounting prices for regional ISP's or organization like ours based on differences in rural versus urban broadband service levels provided by national carriers (who also happen to be pole owners in some cases). These broadband service levels can be measured in Internet speeds and costs. The impact to rural Ontario would help to level the rural/urban service differences.

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