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# CELL PHONE CONNECTIVITY INTERIM STUDY COMMITTEE

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# Who is CTA?



- Membership organizations representing Colorado's rural providers member-owned cooperatives
  - Family owned, member-owned cooperatives, rural focused corporations
  - Deliver advanced high-speed internet, video and voice services across rural Colorado
  - Represent the full supply chain from broadband providers to vendors and suppliers of the telecommunications industry



# CTA Principles

- Maintain and/or increase state and federal funding for rural broadband networks.
- Minimize state and local overbuilding of existing private networks by collaborating with local rural companies to provide the most reliable and long-term sustainable broadband networks.
- Support non-discriminatory and competitively neutral access to all public Rights-of-Way (ROW) and private easements, including pole attachment agreements and rates.

# Industry Challenges

- Labor
- Supply Chain Delays
- Regulatory framework
  - Permitting timelines
  - Costs
  - Reporting
  - Technology Limitations

# How we can work together?

- Promote streamlining and efficiencies within the permitting process.
  - Longer permitting times can jeopardize grant funding, increase supply chain and construction costs and ultimately hurts the consumer.
- Ensure fees and costs imposed by regulators are economically practicable, non-duplicative and don't impede the long-term viability of a project
- Incentivize partnerships and engagement

# QUESTIONS?

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