

## Holsman, Laura

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**From:** VanEschen, John  
**Sent:** Friday, November 04, 2011 10:48 AM  
**To:** Holsman, Laura  
**Subject:** FW: Solicit feedback for broadband report

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**From:** Jim Sherburne [mailto:jims@nemr.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 31, 2011 2:08 PM  
**To:** VanEschen, John  
**Cc:** 'Michele Gillespie'  
**Subject:** FW: Solicit feedback for broadband report

John

Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone was the recipient of two ARRA stimulus awards. A summary of these projects is as follows:

### Green City Exchange

1. Project engineering completed
2. 515 OSP construction contract submitted to RUS for their approval several weeks ago
3. Construction of the project anticipated to begin 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2012
4. Construction anticipated to be completed by 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2012
5. Cut over anticipated to begin 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2012 and be completed by 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2013

### Unionville Exchange

1. Cable placement is complete (about 300 total miles)
2. Splicing of fiber optic cable estimated to be 50% complete
3. Cut over of completed sections scheduled to start October 31, 2011
4. Cut over will continue through 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2011 and is anticipated to be complete 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2013

### Recommendations on maximizing broadband deployment

1. Low income assistance
2. Senior education as to value of broadband

### Barriers to broadband development

1. Costs to deploy
2. Government red tape
3. Rural outmigration and uncertainty

### Assessing advertised vs. actual broadband speeds

1. A difficult issue since measuring actual speeds can depend on so many factors including the customer's equipment and usage patterns
2. In some areas there may be misleading information by some carriers who choose to market by making outlandish speed claims

Respectfully,

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**From:** VanEschen, John [mailto:john.vaneschen@psc.mo.gov]  
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**Subject:** Solicit feedback for broadband report

All companies receiving federal broadband stimulus funding for Missouri broadband projects:

As you may be aware the Missouri State Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, Energy and the Environment has asked the MoPSC to compile a report concerning maximizing broadband development in Missouri (see attached letter). As a recipient of federal broadband stimulus funding I am requesting a **brief status report** of your broadband project. Although I have reviewed the status reports posted on [www.recovery.gov](http://www.recovery.gov) I am requesting more up-to-date information than is currently posted on this web site. Specifically state the completion percentage of each project (i.e., 0% reflect project not yet started while 100% reflects the project is complete), anticipated completion date and describe the work and/or construction already completed (i.e., number of new wireless towers installed, miles of new fiber installed, number of households connected and so forth).

In addition, please provide any relevant input addressing any of the items contained in the Senate Committee's letter, including but not limited to:

1. Recommendations and potential public policy decisions on how to maximize broadband development in Missouri including increasing deployment and availability of broadband services.
2. An identification of barriers to broadband deployment in unserved and underserved areas.
3. Assessing advertised versus actual broadband speeds.

Given the Missouri PSC report is due December 1, 2011, please strive to submit feedback by November 10, 2011. If you have any questions, please let me know. Send your feedback directly to me. Thank you.

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