

UTC files comments with FCC in 706 proceeding on broadband availability

UTC filed [reply comments](#) in the Federal Communications Commission's *Inquiry Concerning Deployment of Advanced Telecommunications Capability to All Americans in a Reasonable and Timely Fashion*.

In our reply comments, UTC advocated for increasing broadband speed benchmarks to symmetrical 100/100 Mbps in the short term and 1 Gbps/1 Gbps in the long term to better meet growing consumer demands. In addition, UTC pointed out that the FCC's current broadband definitions did not reflect the capabilities of modern fiber and hybrid networks.

Regarding the treatment of fixed and mobile broadband services, UTC stated that these services should be considered complementary services rather than substitutes. In addition, UTC advocated against the inclusion of fixed wireless and satellite services in fixed broadband deployment evaluations.

Finally, UTC emphasized that rural areas faced unique challenges regarding equitable broadband access which necessitated affordable and reliable service.