

VERIDIAN CONNECTIONS INTERROGATORY #18

INTERROGATORY

The service area amendment process proposed by Wirebury does not appear to contemplate any form of local general public notice beyond those customers deemed to be affected by Wirebury. How would Wirebury address the situation where one or more customers who were not aware of or disagreed with the proposed amendment did not receive proper notice?

RESPONSE

In situations involving greenfield, high-rise, and subdivision developments, the only customer who will be directly affected will be the high-rise and subdivision developer. These customers are obviously aware of the proposal because they are parties to a connection agreement with Wirebury. In Wirebury's view, public notice is only required where there are parties, such as existing customers, who are not signatories to a connection agreement and who will be directly affected by the amendment. Wirebury submits that service area amendments which will directly affect lands owned by persons other than signatories to a connection agreement with Wirebury, be put on notice of the service area amendment application. Where public notice is required, it should specify how relevant property owners can support or oppose the service area amendment.

