

**Re:** (Score:2) by king neckbeard (1801738)

How is it going to be more unsustainable to cut out useless middlemen? ISPs are basically the only companies that

the public trusts less than the government, even the most unpopular parts of the government. It's like saying that we can't replace Kevorkian and Dahmer as babysitters. Also, it seems like those numbers might be bullshit or in some way deceptive. Already, we are seeing sourced replies that the recent they aren't serving other areas is because AT&T and Comcast banned it.

Comcast sucks. F

#### USF was a fee that was only collected by telecoms who provided qualified buildouts to rural areas. Which is all telecoms in the US.

by jeff4747 (256583)

**<u>Re:</u>** (<u>Score:2</u>)

And while it may have indeed added up to your claimed numbers, it represented a fraction of overall build costs,

and was only collected from subscribers. Subscribers who overwhelmingly did not live in those rural areas - that was the point, for the people with existing

phone service to subsidize the installation and maintenance of phone service for other people. Especially from all the people who got a monthly charge and didn't have, and couldn't get the service.

There are exactly zero people in this situation.

The ISP got government subsidies to build out their network. These subsidies were available to anyone, they were

not a specific program for Chattanooga. Further, the spending from those subsidies is done. The only peopl

### Re: Easy when someone else is footing the bill (Score:1)

by Anonymous Coward

Youâ(TM)re of course leaving out that EPB tried to run the network outside of Chattanooga but Comcast did get that prevented, and the funding they got was to run the fiber for their smart power grid, not for the broadband side. So youâ(TM)re technically right, but not entirely.

### Do they want me, a Texan, to pay for it again? (Score:2)

by <u>raymorris</u> (2726007)

I live in Texas. I paid for the Chattanooga fiber network. Do they want me to also pay for running fiber to rural areas of Tennessee? I'm not interested in paying for that. If people in those areas want fiber, they can pay the cost instead of forcing me to pay for their internet service. ■ 1 hidden comment

### **Re:** (Score:2)

by <u>raymorris</u> (2726007) Again, of the \$300 million spent to build the Chattanooga fiber, only 10% was paid by the customers receiving the service. \$111 million, almost half, was paid with your and mine federal tax dollars. I'd rather have that money back to pay for me own internet, wouldn't you?

#### Re: Do they want me, a Texan, to pay for it again (Score:2)

by jd (1658)

Not really.

I don't like morons. Easy way to not have morons is to help pay for other people's schools.

I don't like rotting food. Best way to avoid it is to help pay for other people's infrastructure. The ongoing costs are negligible per person, per consumer. The initial cost is the only significant quantity and even

that, diluted over 340 million people over several years, isn't much. Actually, it's effectively more people than that, as the Feds get taxes other than income but you're treating all tax

# as incom

#### Re: Do they want me, a Texan, to pay for it again (Score:2) by jd (1658)

And let's see. \$111 million divided by 340 million... 33 cents, on average.

The highest paid person in the US earns something like \$23 million a year before bonuses, although I did hear of someone earning \$54 million before bonuses. Somehow, I doubt you paid even the 33 cents.

You probably lose more than that in a year from defective vending machines and misplaced change.

### Instead, you could have invested it in a stronger America with (gasp) jobs and stuff.

### **■ Re:** (Score:3)

by jeff4747 (256583)

It cost \$300 million to build EPB's fiber network.

Of that, \$111 million, almost half, came from taxpayers outside of Chattanooga - people who can't get the service, but are required to pay for it.

Wow, rebuilding the network every year sure is expensive!!

Oh wait....that's not what's going on....and those ebil tax thefts you describe were subsidies for broadband service available to anyone that wanted to apply for them. It wasn't some terrible plot by Chattanooga that only could benefit Chattanooga.

Well yeah it damn well better be aftee taxpayers already paid for the vast majority of the expense, building the fiber network.

So I have some bad news. There's this thing called the Interstate Highway system.....

#### **■ Re: (Score:2)**

by superdaye80 (1226592)

...that everybody drives on. Can you explain how I would use Chattanoga's internet service?

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**■ Re: (Score:2)** 

by The Evil Atheist (2484676)

He's probably from the USA. Only libertards in the USA thinks the country was magicked into existence the day they became self-aware and since then everything is just taking away what is rightfully his.

### Re: Easy when someone else is footing the bill (Score:2)

by jd (1658)

Log on to a server there.

Next!

### **Re:** (Score:3)

by rtb61 (674572)

You, dumb, stupid, fucking, ignorant cunt. You fucking morons just can't be told, to remind you fuckwits, just because you don't drive on a road does not mean you shouldn't pay taxes for it because you might get deliveries by it, the fire brigade and police drive on it, the school bus drives on it, and all the teachers, but fuck all that, "I don't use the road, so I shouldn't pay taxes for it, is all that screams in you tiny pin heads", you fucking morons (I include those who modded this stupidity up). The

# • Re: (Score:2, Interesting)

by Anonymous Coward

I'm the owner and creator of ViXiV Technologies in Chattanooga and am using EPB Fiber now... The minimum speed they offer is 100Mbit at \$58/Month. It is extremely reliable, but it does occasionally suffers from some DHCPd issues and every now and then the Optical Termination Panel outside freezes. I've only experienced this around 5 times in around 6 years. The service is extremely reliable other than that and they solved the majority of bugs in the first year with the help of community feedback (some provi

# • **Re:** (Score:2)

by <u>Sique</u> (173459)

Two large continental plates and a a small plate (the Caribbean plate) locked inbetween.

# • Google Fiber was ranked second... (Score:5, Insightful)

by Lothsahn (221388) < Lothsahn@@@SPAM ... u bastardsyahocm > on Tuesday August 14, 2018 @09:06PM (#57127636)

Google Fiber was actually ranked second. I'm not surprised by that at all. Their customer service has been fantastic, as has the internet and TV. The two times I've had an issue, they had metrics to show exactly what was wrong from their end and their support rep understood the problem and could interact directly with the engineers.

On the other hand, Comcast required more than 3 calls to bury the outside cable line after it was replaced (it was supposed to be buried automatically with a second crew after the tech left, but he didn't file the right paperwork), and when I called customer service, one representative told me he was going to "reset my modem to resolve the issue". Yeah, apparently resetting modems can bury cable lines underground now, folks...

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# • **Re:** (Score:3)

by king neckbeard (1801738)

The difference isn't supposed to be competition, it's that we've removed conflicts of interest. Cooperatives/public utilities work very well for domains where you just throw labor at problems, and ISP infrastructure fits that bill.

# • Its eye-opening to compare to Australian ISP (Score:2)

by cerebis (560975)

The huge gap between what we get here in Australia, to what Chattanooga has rolled out, is amazing. Chattanooga is offering 1Gbps for \$70/mo (I don't see a data cap!) or you can go nuts and get 10Gbp for \$300/mo. Here in Australia, if your area is lucky enough to have workable "high-speed" broadband, it'll cost you \$70AUD/mo for 50Mbps (asymm) and that's likely to have a data cap, possibly metered in both directions. A 100Mbps connection will be around \$100AUD/mo and depending on the technology behind it, y

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• <u>Re:</u> (<u>Score:2</u>) by <u>DCFusor</u> ( 1763438 ) Appalachia - \$82/mo for 4 megabits down and one up. And almost the best I can buy - the best is 6/1.5 and \$30/mo more.

• customers vs shareholders (Score:2)

by dht10 (5082097)

Well, imagine that. Apparently when you are beholden to your customers rather than your shareholders, your customers think you do a better job at it.

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