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Broadband – Keeping IT Local

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Key Take-Away Points

- “Local competition” (government “enabled” broadband) is a potential alternative, (directly or indirectly) especially in rural areas, for effective broadband growth for residential and business users.
- The challenges to local authority on Cell Tower decisions is Federal Law, but FCC is working it out with local input – FCC timelines; React NOW while you can.
- VATOA is a good source of advice and shared experience on how these complicated federal and state rules work.



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- VATOA is a good source of information on how much other communities are getting for cell tower rents, fees, etc.
- For your staff who deal with telecommunications companies and issues, they need to sign up with VATOA. (Running a Promotional)
- Benefits: Email List, Website, Quarterly conference call, Annual Meetings, Webinars (technical, legal, other administrative/contractual)
- Magnified benefits in also belonging to the NATOA.



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