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RE: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY FOR ALL EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE AND  
BROADBAND BORROWERS TO SUBMIT THEIR FUNDED SERVICE AREA MAPS  
ONLINE

The Rural Utilities Service ("RUS") is pleased to announce that we have expanded our online mapping tool to now accept existing service area maps funded by our Telecommunications Infrastructure and Broadband Loan Programs.

This new enhancement allows existing borrowers that have not previously submitted their service areas online to define their service areas either by drawing or uploading shape files within the system. Once the existing service area(s) is submitted and accepted by program staff, these service areas will be displayed in the RUS mapping tool. Completing this task will help RUS protect your existing service area by not making funding available to other companies to provide service in the same service area in addition to assisting our staff with analysis of new loan and grant applications.

If you are interested in adding your services areas to our publicly searchable map, you can access our mapping tool here: <https://broadbandsearch.sc.egov.usda.gov/>. Please refer to Section IV of the Mapping Tool Help Guide for additional instruction on 'How to File an Existing Service Area'. The guide can be accessed by clicking on the 'Help' tab within the system.

If you have any questions about the benefits associated with submitting your service areas online, please contact my office at 202.720.1025.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Peter Aimable". The signature is written in a cursive style. Below the signature is a large, light blue graphic of a water tower and a house, which is part of the background design of the letter.

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