





## <u>Overview</u>

118 year old company (NASDAQ: SHEN) focused on delivering broadband, CATV, phone, and wireless service (Sprint branded) to rural markets.

- Advanced Networks
- Excellent Customer Support
- Local Community Investment & Partnership

#### T-Mobile - Sprint Merger

- \$1.95B Asset Purchase
- Over 1 million wireless subs
- 6<sup>th</sup> largest wireless provider in the US

1,050 employees \$630 million in annual revenues and profitable





## What do we offer?



- Fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) multi-gig speeds
- Towns, Cities, or dense residential clusters in Counties
- Introduce competition in served, but largely monopolistic markets
- Triple play (Internet, Video, Phone)



- Fixed Wireless leveraging exclusively licensed mid-band spectrum
- Rural areas
- Provide service to largely unserved homes
- Broadband (25mbps, 50mbps, and 100mbps speeds) and voice



- Existing cable markets
- Speeds up to 1 Gig
- Triple play (Internet, Video, Phone)



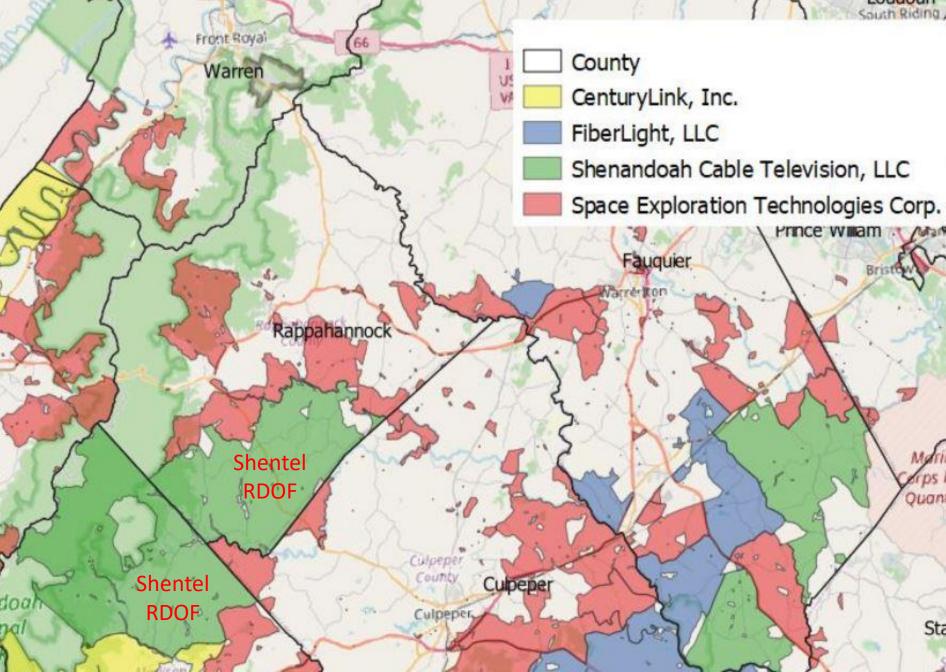
## VATI

- Extensive grant and RFP experience
- Multi-technology approach
- Identifying VATI-eligible areas
- Initial network design
- Jul 27th notice of application deadline
- Sept 14th application deadline

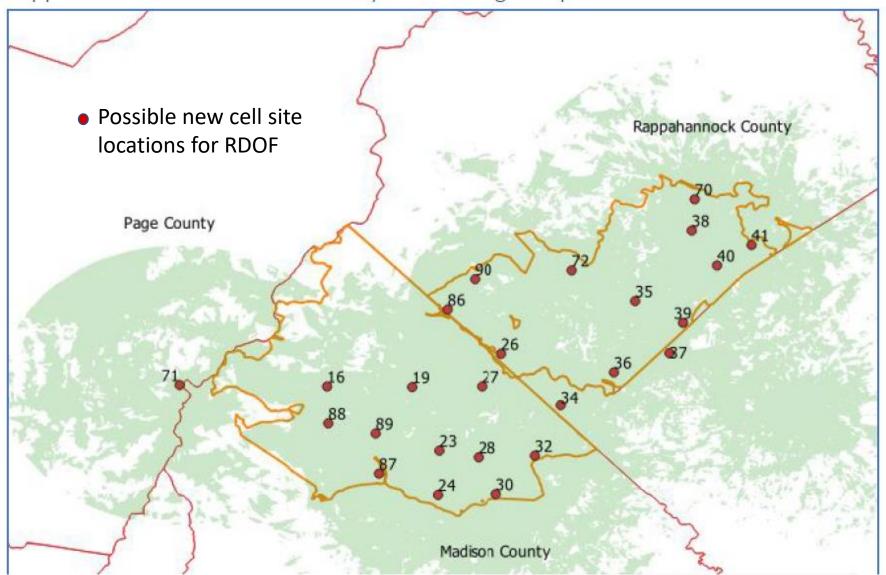


### **RDOF (Rural Digital Opportunity Fund)**

- Auction completed effective November 25, 2020
- Shentel awarded RDOF funding to provide Broadband to ~895 unserved homes in southeast Rappahannock County
- Initially estimating ~12 new Beam small cell towers
- Total Shentel gross costs: ~\$1.2 million (\$1,298 per home)
- Total RDOF subsidy: \$708K (\$791 per home)
  - Subsidy offsets 61% of projected initial capital costs
  - Subsidy payable over 10-years (\$71K per year)



#### Rappahannock and Madison County VA Coverage Map





## RDOF (Rural Digital Opportunity Fund)

- 2/16/21 Shentel submitted FCC Long Form Application
- 4/26/21 Shentel completes initial FCC review meeting
- Targeting final FCC approval in 3Q 2021
- Cell site development likely to start in 2022
- Deployment plan:
  - 40% by end of Year 3 (358 homes)
  - 60% by end of Year 4 (537 homes)
  - 80% by end of Year 5 (716 homes)
  - ~100% by end of Year 6 (~895 homes)



### **RDOF (Rural Digital Opportunity Fund)**

- Variables
  - Cell site selection
    - New towers versus existing towers
    - Small towers versus tall towers
    - Property owner interest
    - Zoning implications
    - Construction costs
  - Cell site connectivity
    - Fiber versus microwave
- Opportunities:
  - New towers being developed
  - REC "Middle Mile" Fiber



# Summary

- Shentel is committed to expanding its investment over and above RDOF
  - Engineering analysis of subsidized fiber and additional fixed wireless capabilities
- Shentel is committed to partnering on a VATI application
- Will work collaboratively with County leadership
  - July 27<sup>th</sup> VATI application due date



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