

PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSITION TO THE DIGITAL AGE

SC Telco Alliance

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- Chesnee Telephone Company
- Comporium
- Farmers Telephone Co-op
- Hargray Communications
- Home Telephone Company
- Horry Telephone Co-op (HTC)
- McClellanville Telephone-TDS Telecom
- Norway Telephone-TDS Telecom
- Palmetto Rural Telephone Co-op
- PBT Telecom
- PRTC
- Sandhill Telephone Co-op
- St. Stephen-TDS Telecom
- TruVista
- West Carolina Tel
- Williston Telephone-TDS Telecom

SC Telco Alliance Members

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- Have partnered with the State to provide telecom services
- Have invested significant resources in building out broadband networks
- Helped make SC the first state in the nation to wire all public schools to internet
- Have provided public schools with broadband access up to 100 Mbps based upon their request.

SC Telco Alliance Members

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- Would like to continue our partnership with the State
- May be interested in using ETV spectrum to provide additional advanced services, but would need to know more about the spectrum and possible proposed uses

Two Issues Before Study Committee

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- Broadband Availability
- ETV's Digital Transition and Spectrum

Broadband Availability

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- Different broadband providers –
 - Cable companies
 - Wireless carriers
 - ILECs
 - CLECs
 - Satellite providers
 - Others

Broadband Availability

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- Different companies also provide different technologies, services, and applications that meet a variety of diverse customer needs.
- Overall availability of broadband from all providers is not known

Broadband Availability

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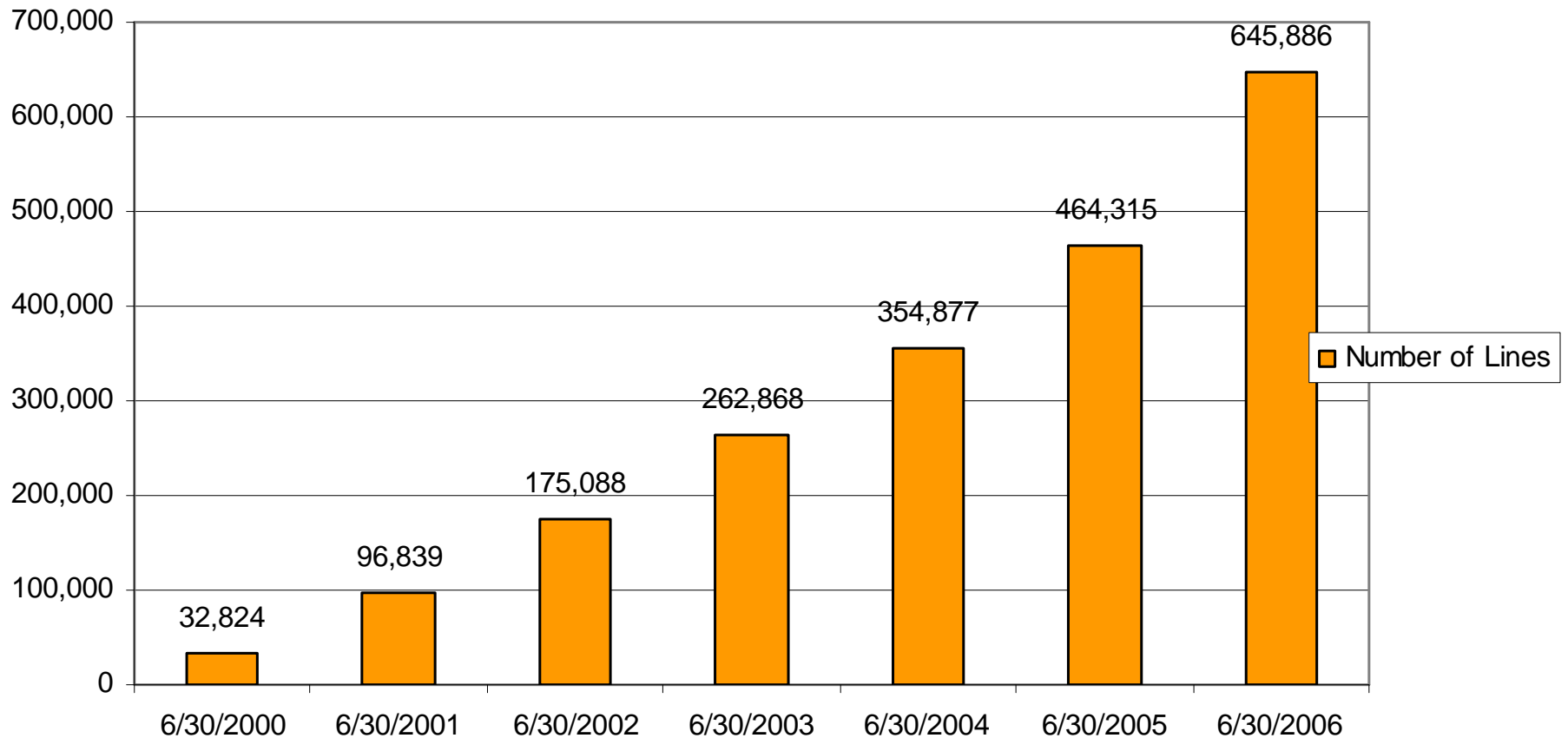
- SC Telco Alliance Members:
 - Overall average of 93% availability
 - Some companies are at 100%
 - Others are rapidly deploying facilities to reach 100% availability as quickly as possible

High Speed Broadband in SC

2000 –2006

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Number of Lines (All technologies)



ETV Digital Transition and Spectrum

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- ETV must undertake its digital transition.
- As a result 2.5 GHz Spectrum will become available.

ETV Digital Transition and Spectrum

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- It is important to examine and evaluate uses for the spectrum without the underlying false premise that broadband deployment is needed in rural areas.
- It is important to not create a disincentive to further deployment of broadband in rural areas through private investment.

ETV Digital Transition and Spectrum

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- SC Telco Alliance Members:
 - ▣ Would like to continue to partner with the state,
 - ▣ Will examine ETV Transition Plan to determine how it may fit into our business plans
 - ▣ Are very focused on bringing broadband (and wireless broadband) to our customers using a variety of different platforms.