Broadband Training
Southwestern Commission
(For the Broadband Committees and local government officials for the Counties of Cherokee, Clay,
Graham, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, Swain and the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians)
at Southwestern Community College, Sylva, NC
Tuesday, November 28 and Wednesday, November 29, 2017

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Day One
Tuesday, November 28
(10:00am – 4:30pm)

10am	Welcome and Purpose	Sarah Thompson, Southwestern Commission
10:15	Structure of the Training/Goals	Angie Bailey, ECC Technologies

       (Participant introductions)

10:30   Broadband Development Across the US
       & Broadband in North Carolina   Angie Bailey, ECC Technologies
       (Broadband coverage, providers, tech types; middle mile vs last mile; policy issues – local, State,
       federal; adoption)

12pm   Lunch   At SCC

1pm   Where Can I Get My Internet?   Jammie Starks-Benthem, ECC Technologies
       (Getting Internet to my Region - Dark Fiber versus Lit Fiber, and Internet Access)
       Q&A
       Break

2pm   Fiber Infrastructure   Jon Van Tol, ECC Technologies
       (Considerations in laying fiber/fiber projects)
       Q&A
       Break

3pm   Beyond Middle-Mile Fiber   Jeffrey M. Brooks, ECC Technologies
       (Extending middle-mile through fiber and wireless, last-mile wireless and FTTH)
       Q&A
       Break

4pm   Wrap Up   Angie Bailey & Jeffrey M. Brooks, ECC

4:30pm Adjourn

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Day Two
<u>Wednesday, November 29</u>
<u>(9:30am – 12pm)</u>

9:30am Community Assessments & Broadband Profiles   Angie Bailey, ECC Technologies

County-Level and Regional Planning
(Understanding current coverage, providers, demand; local & regional assets; previous studies and information gathered)

Southwestern Commission Broadband Survey
(Purpose, structure, goals, current response rate, responses needed through December)

Setting Goals - Potential Projects, Partnerships and Opportunities (Local and Regional Level)
(Setting goals, PPP and funding models, action items and next steps)

10:30   Success Stories &
Value of Broadband Committees   Keith Conover, NC Broadband Infrastructure Office

11:00   Individual County Discussions
(Debrief among counties, report back to group)

12pm   Adjourn