

## Broadband USA Applications Database

**Applicant Name:** Biddeford Internet Corp. (d.b.a. GWI)

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### Public Notice Submissions

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-----**Service Area:** Northern Ring

**Submitter:** Bee Line Cable, Inc.

**Comment:** Bee Line Cable provides broadband service of at least 3 Mbps downstream speeds in areas specified as either unserved or underserved in the following Biddeford applications: 1) North Ring: Millinocket, East Millinocket; 2) Southern Ring -- West: Anson, Farmington, Industry, Madison, Skowhegan, and Wilton.

**Submitter:** TDS Telecom

**Comment:** TDS Telecom offers 3Mbps broadband service within the applicants proposed service area and provides broadband service to customers pursuant to the NOFA definitions.

**Submitter:** Time Warner Cable

**Comment:** As shown in the attached map and exhibit, TWC currently provides broadband Internet access service in the Proposed Funded Service Area. In addition, we advertise service of speeds above 3 Mbps throughout this service area. We pass over 50% of households, and either (1) have actual broadband subscribership of over 40% of the households in these census blocks or (2) the combined broadband subscribership of the wireline broadband providers (including TWC) in these census blocks is reasonably likely to exceed 40%. Therefore, that portion of the proposed funded service area that overlaps Respondent's service area reflected in this response is neither "unserved" or "underserved."

**Submitter:** FAIRPOINT COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

**Comment:** FairPoint Communications is the largest ILEC in the State of Maine. FairPoint offers an array of broadband services throughout the proposed funded service areas of this application. These services utilize an existing fiber middle-mile network, which connects to a robust last-mile system to provide both residential and business customers with transfer speeds from 768K to 100 Mbps.

-----**Service Area:** DownEast Ring

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**Comment:** As shown in the attached map and exhibit, TWC currently provides broadband Internet access service in the Proposed Funded Service Area. In addition, we advertise service of speeds above 3 Mbps throughout this service area. We pass over 50% of households, and either (1) have actual broadband subscribership of over 40% of the households in these census blocks or (2) the combined broadband subscribership of the wireline broadband providers (including TWC) in these census blocks is reasonably likely to exceed 40%. Therefore, that portion of the proposed funded service area that overlaps Respondent's service area reflected in this response is neither "unserved" or "underserved."

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**Comment:** FairPoint Communications is the largest ILEC in the State of Maine. FairPoint offers an array of broadband services throughout the proposed funded service areas of this application. These services utilize an existing fiber middle-mile network, which connects to a robust last-mile system to provide both residential and business customers with transfer speeds from 768K to 45 Mbps.

-----**Service Area:** Southern Ring-Coastal

**Submitter:** Coastal Telco Services, Inc.

**Comment:** Coastal Telco Services, Inc. is the internet service providing affiliate of Lincolnville Networks, Inc. and Tidewater Telecom, Inc. the Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers serving a dozen communities in coastal Maine, including four covered by the Biddeford Internet Corporation's "Three Ring Binder" BIP/BTOP grant application: Lincolnville, Damariscotta, Nobleboro and Newcastle.

Coastal Telco Services, Inc. believes that every American home, business and public and private institution should have access to affordable high-speed broadband connections to the Internet. Coastal Telco Services, Inc. recognizes that judicious federal stimulus investment in rural broadband may well expand economic opportunities in the communities we serve and create jobs when they are most needed. Coastal Telco Services, Inc. also strongly supports the Obama Administration's goal to prioritize funding for the areas of greatest need across the nation.

Biddeford Internet Corporation asserts that each of the communities within its Southern Ring – Coastal service area that is currently served by Coastal Telco Services is "underserved". This is completely inaccurate. Within these communities, Coastal Telco Services offers high speed broadband service to 100% of homes and businesses, at speeds of up to 6 mbps downstream. We also estimate that, combined with our competitors, broadband penetration in our service areas is over 50%.

Biddeford Internet Corporation's proposal is for a "middle mile" network. However, the widespread availability of broadband in our services area, as well as the entire Southern Ring – Coastal service area, demonstrates clearly that no new "middle mile" project is required to reach unserved and underserved customers.

Coastal Telco Services respectfully urges the agencies to reject Biddeford Internet Corp.'s application to build a middle mile project in the Southern Ring – Coastal service area.

**Submitter:** Unicap, Inc. dba Bluestreak

**Comment:** Unicap is an affiliate of UniTel, Inc., and offers wireless broadband in the Belfast/Searsport/Northport area on both land and water.

**Submitter:** FairPoint Communications, Inc.

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**Submitter:** Comcast Cable

**Comment:** Attached is a summary of the Comcast Cable homes passed, subscriber and advertising information related to the service areas encompassed by this application.

-----**Service Area:** Southern Ring-West

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**Submitter:** Oxford County Telephone and Telegraph Company

**Comment:** Oxford County Telephone and Telegraph Company is the parent of Oxford Telephone Company and Oxford West Telephone Company, Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers serving a number of communities in western Maine, and Oxford County Telephone Service Company, an affiliated service company providing broadband and other services (collectively, "Oxford Networks"). Oxford Networks provides broadband services in eight communities covered by Biddeford Internet Corporation's "Three Ring Binder" BIP/BTOP grant application: Bethel, Canton, Gilead, Greenwood, Newry, Norway, West Paris and Woodstock.