

Broadband USA Applications Database

Applicant Name: InternationalBroadband Electric Communications

Public Notice Submissions

-----**Service Area:** IBEC Service Area 4

Submitter: JAB Wireless, Inc.

Comment: JAB Wireless, Inc. ("JAB"), operating under the trade name Skybeam, is providing information depicting broadband coverage within the proposed service area, sample advertising of JAB's advertising of at least 3 meg. Internet service within the proposed service area, and subscriber information to assess broadband penetration.

Submitter: North Texas Broadband

Comment: North Texas Broadband (NTBB) currently provides a wide array of broadband offerings within the proposed funded service area. NTBB has been offering broadband services in excess of the 3 MB bandwidth requirement as set forth in the ARRA, NOFA and BIP/BTOP guidelines, all prior to the ARRA approval. NTBB's service area already provides for "sufficient access to broadband service to facilitate rural economic development", as well as allows for choice of service providers through competing with Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers, and allows for leasing of services through our own facilities. The proposed funded service area already provides for not only broadband service through NTBB, but several ILEC's, Wireless companies, and numerous mobile broadband service providers offer several choices to the subscriber. NTBB's opinion of the proposed funded service area is that of unnecessary spending within areas where sufficient broadband offerings exist to meet current demands. Whereas the requested funding could be better utilized in other portions of the country to deploy, map, or support other broadband services in accordance with the ARRA, NOFA and BIP/BTOP programs. Through funding the proposed service area, excessive competition will be created for all, which may create a short term economic boost, but have severe long term ramifications which may force current stable and thriving service providers to close or consolidate business, leading to layoffs and resulting in another economic downturn.