

## Broadband USA Applications Database

**Applicant Name:** Panhandle Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

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### Public Notice Submissions

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-----**Service Area:** PTCI-Laverne

**Submitter:** Pioneer Telephone Cooperative

**Comment:** Pioneer Telephone Cooperative, Inc. through its subsidiary Pioneer Long Distance, Inc. (PLDI), has been offering broadband speed data service to subscribers for over 10 years. The area applied for by the ARRA applicant, which falls within the telephone exchange boundary is served with high speed internet broadband service.

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