

Broadband USA Applications Database

Applicant Name: Merit Network Inc.

Public Notice Submissions

-----**Service Area:** Bay County Midland

Submitter: Charter Communications

Comment: Charter Communications ('Charter'), a broadband service provider, has invested capital to provide a full range of Broadband services, including High Speed Internet services, in this service area. The applicant's request in the proposed under-served and un-served service area would create an overlap in Charter's service area. Charter's response includes the necessary information to validate the overlapping condition as a result of this applicant's request

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Comment: AT&T is providing data about its wireline and mobile broadband footprint to assist in determining whether the applicant's proposed service area, which may be part of a larger application and project, satisfies the unserved and underserved eligibility requirements. Additional information regarding other broadband service providers' currently operating in the service area may be needed in order to make a reasonable analysis or a conclusive determination.

-----**Service Area:** Iosco County North

Submitter: Custom Software Inc. dba/M-33 Access

Comment: Custom Software Inc. dba/M-33 Access is an ISP and CLEC (and ILEC pending FCC approval) based in Rose City Michigan currently providing telecommunications service (voice and data) to customers in seven contiguous counties in northeastern Michigan. The counties in the service area are Alcona, Arenac, Crawford, Iosco, Ogemaw, Oscoda, and Roscommon. There are a number of customers throughout the service area that are receiving high-speed broadband service. This application proposes to serve an area where we already provide DSL services and wireless high speed services that exceed NOFA requirements. To claim this area is un-served or even under-served is an error on their part. The information submitted to RUS in our BIP application did not propose to extend the current service area beyond the present footprint as did most other applicants. This applicant also wants to expand their territories at the expense of current providers effectively putting them out of business.

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-----**Service Area:** Allegan County Holland

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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:** Berrien County Greater Area

Submitter: AT&T

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-----**Service Area:** Grand Traverse County Southeast

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-----**Service Area:** Crawford County East

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-----**Service Area:** Berrien County Central

Submitter: AT&T

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-----**Service Area:** Bay County Bay City

Submitter: Charter Communications

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-----**Service Area:** Bay County South

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: Charter Communications

Comment: Charter Communications ('Charter'), a broadband service provider, has invested capital to provide a full range of Broadband services, including High Speed Internet services, in this service area. The applicant's request in the proposed under-served service area would create an overlap in Charter's service area. Charter's response includes the necessary information to validate the overlapping condition as a result of this applicant's request.

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-----**Service Area:** Antrim County Central

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-----**Service Area:** Gladwin County

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-----**Service Area:** Muskegon County Muskegon, Norton Shores

Submitter: Comcast Cable

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-----**Service Area:** Arenac County

Submitter: Custom Software Inc. dba/M-33 Access

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-----**Service Area:** Isabella County Mount Pleasant

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Submitter: Winn Telephone Company d/b/a Winn Telecom

Comment: Winn Telephone Company d/b/a Winn Telecom ("Winn") is responding to the application of Merit Network, Inc. for broadband funding under the ARRA. The applicant's Proposed Funded Service Area includes portions of Winn's service area in the Mt. Pleasant exchange in Isabella County, Michigan. This applicant did not designate the Proposed Funded Service Area as being unserved or underserved. In addition, the area has been designated as non-rural; thereby rendering it ineligible for BIP funding for which the applicant has applied.

Nonetheless, Winn's service territory overlaps approximately 100% of the Proposed Funded Service Area as drawn by the applicant and as drawn by the respondent in the Public Notice Response form. 100% of the households in Winn's service area that overlaps the Proposed Funded Service Area have

access to broadband service at advertised speeds of 3 Mbps or higher. Thus, had the applicant done so, it could not have designated the portion of the Proposed Funded Service Area overlapping Winn's service territory as unserved and the Proposed Funded Service Area also fails to meet two of the three requirements for an area to be designated as underserved.

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Submitter: Charter Communications

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-----**Service Area:** Antrim County Northwest, East, Southcentral

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-----**Service Area:** Mason Northeast

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-----**Service Area:** Mason County Southwest

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-----**Service Area:** Midland County Northeast

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: AT&T

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Submitter: CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS

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-----**Service Area:** Lenawee County Greater Area

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: Deerfield Telephone Company

Comment: Deerfield Telephone Company (Deerfield) service territory overlaps approximately 2.4% of the Merit Network Lenawee County Greater Area proposed funded service area (PFSA) in Michigan. Merit Network designates this area as underserved. In the overlapping area, Deerfield Telephone provides services and advertises 16 Meg service and has a penetration a rate of over 40%. When the Deerfield numbers are combined with the rest of the state, the area may not be underserved.

Submitter: AT&T

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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.

Submitter: Frontier Communications of Michigan, Inc.

Comment: A portion of the applicant's territory is already served by the respondent. 3MG speed or higher is available and advertised.

-----**Service Area:** Manistee County East

Submitter: Charter Communications

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-----**Service Area:** Charlevoix County

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-----**Service Area:** Lenawee County Adrian

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-----**Service Area:** Monroe County Greater Area

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-----**Service Area:** Isabella County West

Submitter: Blanchard Telephone Company

Comment: Blanchard Telephone Company ("Blanchard") is responding to the application of Merit Network, Inc. for broadband funding under the ARRA. The applicant's Proposed Funded Service Area includes a portion of Blanchard's service area in the Blanchard exchange in Isabella County, Michigan.

Blanchard's service territory overlaps approximately 13.3% of the Proposed Funded Service Area as drawn by the applicant and as drawn by the respondent in the Public Notice Response form. 100% of the households in Blanchard's service area that overlaps the Proposed Funded Service Area have access to broadband service at advertised speeds of 3 Mbps or higher. Thus the portion of the Proposed Funded Service Area overlapping Blanchard's service territory fails to meet two of the three requirements for an area to be designated as underserved.

Submitter: Charter Communications

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Submitter: Winn Telephone Company d/b/a Winn Telecom

Comment: Winn Telephone Company d/b/a Winn Telecom ("Winn") is responding to the application of Merit Network, Inc. for broadband funding under the ARRA. The applicant's Proposed Funded Service Area includes portions of Winn's service area in the Mt. Pleasant and Shepherd exchanges in Isabella County, Michigan.

Winn's service territory overlaps approximately 19.6% of the Proposed Funded Service Area as drawn by the applicant and as drawn by the respondent in the Public Notice Response form. 100% of the households in Winn's service area that overlaps the Proposed Funded Service Area have access to broadband service at advertised speeds of 3 Mbps or higher. Thus the portion of the Proposed Funded Service Area overlapping Winn's service territory fails to meet two of the three requirements for an area to be designated as underserved.

-----**Service Area:** Midland County Southwest

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-----**Service Area:** Van Buren County

Submitter: Bloomingdale Telephone Company

Comment: Merit Network Inc.'s proposed project covers the Bloomingdale exchange in Van Buren County that is currently served by Bloomingdale Telephone Company. We currently serve the exchange by an existing ADSL2+ network with Fiber-to-the-Node. In the public notice response Bloomingdale Telephone Company is providing; 1) a map of the overlapping area Bloomingdale provides broadband services, 2) Bloomingdale's DSL high speed internet advertising 3) the number of residential households

and business establishments capable of receiving broadband services, 4) the number of residential households and business establishments subscribing to our broadband, 5) the advertised download and upload speeds and service rates, and 6) comments addressing the existing services offered within the proposed funded service area.

Submitter: Charter Communications

Comment: Charter Communications ('Charter'), a broadband service provider, has invested capital to provide a full range of Broadband services, including High Speed Internet services, in this service area. The applicant's request in the proposed under-served service area would create an overlap in Charter's service area. Charter's response includes the necessary information to validate the overlapping condition as a result of this applicant's request.

Submitter: Southwest Michigan Communications

Comment: Merit Network Inc.'s proposed project covers the Paw Paw exchange, the city limits, in Van Buren County that is currently served by Southwest Michigan Communications. We currently serve the exchange by a fiber-to-the-home network. In the public notice response Southwest Michigan Communications (SWMC) is providing; 1) a map of the overlapping area SWMC provides broadband services, 2) SWMC's DSL high speed internet advertising 3) the number of residential households and business establishments capable of receiving broadband services, 4) the number of residential households and business establishments subscribing to our broadband, 5) the advertised download and upload speeds and service rates, and 6) comments addressing the existing services offered within the proposed funded service area.

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:** Emmet County East

Submitter: Charter Communications

Comment: Charter Communications ('Charter'), a broadband service provider, has invested capital to provide a full range of Broadband services, including High Speed Internet services, in this service area. The applicant's request in the proposed un-served service area would create an overlap in Charter's service area. Charter's response includes the necessary information to validate the overlapping condition as a result of this applicant's request.

Submitter: AT&T

Comment: AT&T is providing data about its wireline and mobile broadband footprint to assist in determining whether the applicant's proposed service area, which may be part of a larger application and project, satisfies the unserved and underserved eligibility requirements.

Additional information regarding other broadband service providers' currently operating in the service area may be needed in order to make a reasonable analysis or a conclusive determination.

-----**Service Area:** Midland County Midland City

Submitter: AT&T

Comment: AT&T is providing data about its wireline and mobile broadband footprint to assist in determining whether the applicant's proposed service area, which may be part of a larger application and project, satisfies the unserved and underserved eligibility requirements.

Additional information regarding other broadband service providers' currently operating in the service area may be needed in order to make a reasonable analysis or a conclusive determination.

Submitter: CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS

Comment: Charter Communications ('Charter'), a broadband service provider, has invested capital to provide a full range of Broadband services, including High Speed Internet services, in this service area. The applicant's request in the proposed under-served and un-served service area would create an overlap in Charter's service area. Charter's response includes the necessary information to validate the overlapping condition as a result of this applicant's request.

-----**Service Area:** Muskegon County Greater Area

Submitter: Charter Communications

Comment: Charter Communications ('Charter'), a broadband service provider, has invested capital to provide a full range of Broadband services, including High Speed Internet services, in this service area. The applicant's request in the proposed under-served service area would create an overlap in Charter's service area. Charter's response includes the necessary information to validate the overlapping condition as a result of this applicant's request.

Submitter: AT&T

Comment: AT&T is providing data about its wireline and mobile broadband footprint to assist in determining whether the applicant's proposed service area, which may be part of a larger application and project, satisfies the unserved and underserved eligibility requirements.

Additional information regarding other broadband service providers' currently operating in the service area may be needed in order to make a reasonable analysis or a conclusive determination.

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:** Mason County Central

Submitter: Charter Communications

Comment: Charter Communications ('Charter'), a broadband service provider, has invested capital to provide a full range of Broadband services, including High Speed Internet services, in this service area. The applicant's request in the proposed under-served and un-served service area would create an overlap in Charter's service area. Charter's response includes the necessary information to validate the overlapping condition as a result of this applicant's request.

Submitter: AT&T

Comment: AT&T is providing data about its wireline and mobile broadband footprint to assist in determining whether the applicant's proposed service area, which may be part of a larger application and project, satisfies the unserved and underserved eligibility requirements.

Additional information regarding other broadband service providers' currently operating in the service area may be needed in order to make a reasonable analysis or a conclusive determination.

-----**Service Area:** Ottawa County Greater Area

Submitter: Charter Communications

Comment: Charter Communications ('Charter'), a broadband service provider, has invested capital to provide a full range of Broadband services, including High Speed Internet services, in this service area.

The applicant's request in the proposed under-served and un-served service area would create an overlap in Charter's service area. Charter's response includes the necessary information to validate the overlapping condition as a result of this applicant's request.

Submitter: AT&T

Comment: AT&T is providing data about its wireline and mobile broadband footprint to assist in determining whether the applicant's proposed service area, which may be part of a larger application and project, satisfies the unserved and underserved eligibility requirements.

Additional information regarding other broadband service providers' currently operating in the service area may be needed in order to make a reasonable analysis or a conclusive determination.

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:** Emmet County Southwest

Submitter: Charter Communications

Comment: Charter Communications ('Charter'), a broadband service provider, has invested capital to provide a full range of Broadband services, including High Speed Internet services, in this service area. The applicant's request in the proposed un-served service area would create an overlap in Charter's service area. Charter's response includes the necessary information to validate the overlapping condition as a result of this applicant's request.

Submitter: AT&T

Comment: AT&T is providing data about its wireline and mobile broadband footprint to assist in determining whether the applicant's proposed service area, which may be part of a larger application and project, satisfies the unserved and underserved eligibility requirements.

Additional information regarding other broadband service providers' currently operating in the service area may be needed in order to make a reasonable analysis or a conclusive determination.

-----**Service Area:** Emmet County Central

Submitter: Charter Communications

Comment: Charter Communications ('Charter'), a broadband service provider, has invested capital to provide a full range of Broadband services, including High Speed Internet services, in this service area. The applicant's request in the proposed un-served service area would create an overlap in Charter's service area. Charter's response includes the necessary information to validate the overlapping condition as a result of this applicant's request.

Submitter: AT&T

Comment: AT&T is providing data about its wireline and mobile broadband footprint to assist in determining whether the applicant's proposed service area, which may be part of a larger application and project, satisfies the unserved and underserved eligibility requirements.

Additional information regarding other broadband service providers' currently operating in the service area may be needed in order to make a reasonable analysis or a conclusive determination.

-----**Service Area:** Allegan County Southwest

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:** Clare County Central

Submitter: Charter Communications

Comment: Charter Communications ('Charter'), a broadband service provider, has invested capital to provide a full range of Broadband services, including High Speed Internet services, in this service area. The applicant's request in the proposed under-served and un-served service area would create an overlap in Charter's service area. Charter's response includes the necessary information to validate the overlapping condition as a result of this applicant's request.

Submitter: AT&T

Comment: AT&T is providing data about its wireline and mobile broadband footprint to assist in determining whether the applicant's proposed service area, which may be part of a larger application and project, satisfies the unserved and underserved eligibility requirements. Additional information regarding other broadband service providers' currently operating in the service area may be needed in order to make

a reasonable analysis or a conclusive determination.

-----**Service Area:** Midland County Greater Area

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: Charter Communications

Comment: Charter Communications ('Charter'), a broadband service provider, has invested capital to provide a full range of Broadband services, including High Speed Internet services, in this service area. The applicant's request in the proposed under-served and un-served service area would create an overlap in Charter's service area. Charter's response includes the necessary information to validate the overlapping condition as a result of this applicant's request.

Submitter: AT&T

Comment: AT&T is providing data about its wireline and mobile broadband

footprint to assist in determining whether the applicant's proposed service area, which may be part of a larger application and project, satisfies the unserved and underserved eligibility requirements.

Additional information regarding other broadband service providers' currently operating in the service area may be needed in order to make a reasonable analysis or a conclusive determination.

-----**Service Area:** Otsego County Northwest

Submitter: Charter Communications

Comment: Charter Communications ('Charter'), a broadband service provider, has invested capital to provide a full range of Broadband services, including High Speed Internet services, in this service area. The applicant's request in the proposed under-served and un-served service area would create an overlap in Charter's service area. Charter's response includes the necessary information to validate the overlapping condition as a result of this applicant's request.

Submitter: Winn Telephone Company d/b/a Winn Telecom

Comment: Winn Telephone Company d/b/a Winn Telecom ("Winn") is responding to the application of Merit Network, Inc. for broadband funding under the ARRA. The applicant's Proposed Funded Service Area includes portions of Winn's service area in the Gaylord exchange in Otsego County, Michigan. This applicant did not designate the Proposed Funded Service Area as being unserved or underserved.

Winn's service territory overlaps approximately 48.4% of the Proposed Funded Service Area as drawn by the applicant and as drawn by the respondent in the Public Notice Response form. 100% of the households in Winn's service area that overlaps the Proposed Funded Service Area have access to broadband service at advertised speeds of 3 Mbps or higher. Thus, had the applicant done so, it could not have designated the portion of the Proposed Funded Service Area overlapping Winn's service territory as unserved and the Proposed Funded Service Area also fails to meet two of the three requirements for an area to be designated as underserved.

-----**Service Area:** St. Joseph County

Submitter: Charter Communications

Comment: Charter Communications ('Charter'), a broadband service provider, has invested capital to provide a full range of Broadband services, including High Speed Internet services, in this service area. The applicant's request in the proposed under-served service area would create an overlap in Charter's service area. Charter's response includes the necessary information to validate the overlapping condition as a result of this applicant's request.

Submitter: AT&T

Comment: AT&T is providing data about its wireline and mobile broadband footprint to assist in determining whether the applicant's proposed service area, which may be part of a larger application and project, satisfies the unserved and underserved eligibility requirements. Additional information regarding other broadband service providers' currently operating in the service area may be needed in order to make a reasonable analysis or a conclusive determination.

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:** Manistee County West

Submitter: Charter Communications

Comment: Charter Communications ('Charter'), a broadband service provider, has invested capital to provide a full range of Broadband services, including High Speed Internet services, in this service area. The applicant's request in the proposed under-served and un-served service area would create an overlap in Charter's service area. Charter's response includes the necessary information to validate the overlapping condition as a result of this applicant's request.

Submitter: AT&T

Comment: AT&T is providing data about its wireline and mobile broadband footprint to assist in determining whether the applicant's proposed service area, which may be part of a larger application and project, satisfies the unserved and underserved eligibility requirements. Additional information regarding other broadband service providers' currently operating in the service area may be needed in order to make a reasonable analysis or a conclusive determination.

-----**Service Area:** Ottawa County Georgetown, Jenison

Submitter: Charter Communications

Comment: Charter Communications ('Charter'), a broadband service provider, has invested capital to provide a full range of Broadband services, including High Speed Internet services, in this service area. The applicant's request in the proposed under-served and un-served service area would create an overlap in Charter's service area. Charter's response includes the necessary information to validate the overlapping condition as a result of this applicant's request.

Submitter: AT&T

Comment: AT&T is providing data about its wireline and mobile broadband footprint to assist in determining whether the applicant's proposed service area, which may be part of a larger application and project, satisfies the unserved and underserved eligibility requirements. Additional information regarding other broadband service providers' currently operating in the service area may be needed in order to make a reasonable analysis or a conclusive determination.

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:** Oceana County

Submitter: Charter Communications

Comment: Charter Communications ('Charter'), a broadband service provider, has invested capital to provide a full range of Broadband services, including High Speed Internet services, in this service area. The applicant's request in the proposed under-served service area would create an overlap in Charter's service area. Charter's response includes the necessary information to validate the overlapping condition as a result of this applicant's request.

-----**Service Area:** Monroe County Monroe City

Submitter: Charter Communications

Comment: Charter Communications ('Charter'), a broadband service provider, has invested capital to provide a full range of Broadband services, including High Speed Internet services, in this service area. The applicant's request in the proposed under-served and un-served service area would create an overlap in Charter's service area. Charter's response includes the necessary information to validate the overlapping condition as a result of this applicant's request.

Submitter: AT&T

Comment: AT&T is providing data about its wireline and mobile broadband footprint to assist in determining whether the applicant's proposed service area, which may be part of a larger application and project,

satisfies the unserved and underserved eligibility requirements.

Additional information regarding other broadband service providers' currently operating in the service area may be needed in order to make a reasonable analysis or a conclusive determination.

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:** Hillsdale County

Submitter: Charter Communications

Comment: Charter Communications ('Charter'), a broadband service provider, has invested capital to provide a full range of Broadband services, including High Speed Internet services, in this service area. The applicant's request in the proposed under-served service area would create an overlap in Charter's service area. Charter's response includes the necessary information to validate the overlapping condition as a result of this applicant's request.

Submitter: AT&T

Comment: AT&T is providing data about its wireline and mobile broadband footprint to assist in determining whether the applicant's proposed service area, which may be part of a larger application and project, satisfies the unserved and underserved eligibility requirements.

Additional information regarding other broadband service providers' currently operating in the service area may be needed in order to make

a reasonable analysis or a conclusive determination.

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.

Submitter: Frontier Communications of Michigan, Inc.

Comment: A portion of the applicant's territory is already served by the respondent. 3MG speed or higher is available and advertised.

-----**Service Area:** Branch County

Submitter: Charter Communications

Comment: Charter Communications ('Charter'), a broadband service provider, has invested capital to provide a full range of Broadband services, including High Speed Internet services, in this service area. The applicant's request in the proposed under-served and un-served service area would create an overlap in Charter's service area. Charter's response includes the necessary information to validate the overlapping condition as a result of this applicant's request.

Submitter: AT&T

Comment: AT&T is providing data about its wireline and mobile broadband footprint to assist in determining whether the applicant's proposed service area, which may be part of a larger application and project, satisfies the unserved and underserved eligibility requirements.

Additional information regarding other broadband service providers' currently operating in the service area may be needed in order to make a reasonable analysis or a conclusive determination.

-----**Service Area:** Crawford County West

Submitter: Custom Software Inc. dba/M-33 Access

Comment: Custom Software Inc. dba/M-33 Access is an ISP and CLEC (and ILEC pending FCC approval) based in Rose City Michigan currently providing telecommunications service (voice and data) to customers in seven contiguous counties in northeastern Michigan. The counties in the service area are Alcona, Arenac, Crawford, Iosco, Ogemaw, Oscoda, and Roscommon. There are a number of customers throughout the service area that are receiving high-speed broadband service. This application proposes to serve an area where we already provide DSL services and wireless high speed services that exceed NOFA requirements. To claim this area is un-served or even under-served is an error on their part. The information submitted to RUS in our BIP application did not propose to extend the current service area beyond the present footprint as did most other applicants. This applicant also wants to expand their territories at the expense of current providers effectively putting them out of business.

Submitter: Charter Communications

Comment: Charter Communications ('Charter'), a broadband service provider, has invested capital to provide a full range of Broadband services, including High Speed Internet services, in this service area. The applicant's request in the proposed under-served and un-served service area would create an overlap in Charter's service area. Charter's response includes the necessary information to validate the overlapping condition as a result of this applicant's request.

-----**Service Area:** Benzie County

Submitter: Charter Communications

Comment: Charter Communications ('Charter'), a broadband service provider, has invested capital to provide a full range of Broadband services, including High Speed Internet services, in this service area. The applicant's request in the proposed under-served service area would create an overlap in Charter's service area. Charter's response includes the necessary information to validate the overlapping condition as a result of this applicant's request.

Submitter: AT&T

Comment: AT&T is providing data about its wireline and mobile broadband footprint to assist in determining whether the applicant's proposed service area, which may be part of a larger application and project, satisfies the unserved and underserved eligibility requirements.

Additional information regarding other broadband service providers' currently operating in the service area may be needed in order to make a reasonable analysis or a conclusive determination.

-----**Service Area:** Bay County North

Submitter: Charter Communications

Comment: Charter Communications ('Charter'), a broadband service provider, has invested capital to provide a full range of Broadband services, including High Speed Internet services, in this service area. The applicant's request in the proposed under-served service area would create an overlap in Charter's service area. Charter's response includes the necessary information to validate the overlapping condition as a result of this applicant's request.

Submitter: AT&T

Comment: AT&T is providing data about its wireline and mobile broadband footprint to assist in determining whether the applicant's proposed service area, which may be part of a larger application and project, satisfies the unserved and underserved eligibility requirements.

Additional information regarding other broadband service providers' currently operating in the service area may be needed in order to make

a reasonable analysis or a conclusive determination.

-----**Service Area:** Kalkaska County

Submitter: Charter Communications

Comment: Charter Communications ('Charter'), a broadband service provider, has invested capital to provide a full range of Broadband services, including High Speed Internet services, in this service area. The applicant's request in the proposed under-served service area would create an overlap in Charter's service area. Charter's response includes the necessary information to validate the overlapping condition as a result of this applicant's request.

Submitter: AT&T

Comment: AT&T is providing data about its wireline and mobile broadband footprint to assist in determining whether the applicant's proposed service area, which may be part of a larger application and project, satisfies the unserved and underserved eligibility requirements. Additional information regarding other broadband service providers' currently operating in the service area may be needed in order to make a reasonable analysis or a conclusive determination.

-----**Service Area:** Isabella County Northeast

Submitter: Charter Communications

Comment: Charter Communications ('Charter'), a broadband service provider, has invested capital to provide a full range of Broadband services, including High Speed Internet services, in this service area. The applicant's request in the proposed under-served and un-served service area would create an overlap in Charter's service area. Charter's response includes the necessary information to validate the overlapping condition as a result of this applicant's request.

Submitter: AT&T

Comment: AT&T is providing data about its wireline and mobile broadband footprint to assist in determining whether the applicant's proposed service area, which may be part of a larger application and project, satisfies the unserved and underserved eligibility requirements.

Additional information regarding other broadband service providers' currently operating in the service area may be needed in order to make a reasonable analysis or a conclusive determination.

Submitter: Winn Telephone Company d/b/a Winn Telecom

Comment: Winn Telephone Company d/b/a Winn Telecom ("Winn") is responding to the application of Merit Network, Inc. for broadband funding under the ARRA. The applicant's Proposed Funded Service Area includes portions of Winn's service area in the Mt. Pleasant and Shepherd exchanges in Isabella County, Michigan. This applicant did not designate the Proposed Funded Service Area as being unserved or underserved.

Nonetheless, Winn's service territory overlaps approximately 55.5% of the Proposed Funded Service Area as drawn by the applicant and as drawn by the respondent in the Public Notice Response form. 100% of the households in Winn's service area that overlaps the Proposed Funded Service Area have access to broadband service at advertised speeds of 3 Mbps or higher in the overlapping area. Thus, had the applicant done so, it could not have designated the portion of the Proposed Funded Service Area overlapping Winn's service territory as unserved and the Proposed Funded Service Area also fails to meet two of the three requirements for an area to be designated as underserved.

-----**Service Area:** Antrim County Southeast

Submitter: Charter Communications

Comment: Charter Communications ('Charter'), a broadband service provider, has invested capital to provide a full range of Broadband services, including High Speed Internet services, in this service area. The applicant's request in the proposed under-served and un-served service area would create an overlap in Charter's service area. Charter's response includes the necessary information to validate the overlapping condition as a result of this applicant's request.

Submitter: AT&T

Comment: AT&T is providing data about its wireline and mobile broadband footprint to assist in determining whether the applicant's proposed service area, which may be part of a larger application and project, satisfies the unserved and underserved eligibility requirements. Additional information regarding other broadband service providers' currently operating in the service area may be needed in order to make a reasonable analysis or a conclusive determination.

-----**Service Area:** Cass County

Submitter: AT&T

Comment: AT&T is providing data about its wireline and mobile broadband footprint to assist in determining whether the applicant's proposed service area, which may be part of a larger application and project, satisfies the unserved and underserved eligibility requirements.

Additional information regarding other broadband service providers' currently operating in the service area may be needed in order to make a reasonable analysis or a conclusive determination.

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:** Roscommon County

Submitter: Custom Software Inc. dba/M-33 Access

Comment: Custom Software Inc. dba/M-33 Access is an ISP and CLEC (and ILEC pending FCC approval) based in Rose City Michigan currently providing telecommunications service (voice and data) to customers in seven contiguous counties in northeastern Michigan. The counties in the service area are Alcona, Arenac, Crawford, Iosco, Ogemaw, Oscoda, and Roscommon. There are a number of customers throughout the service area that are receiving high-speed broadband service. This application proposes to serve an area where we already provide DSL services and wireless high speed services that exceed NOFA requirements. To claim this area is un-served or even under-served is an error on their part. The information submitted to RUS in our BIP application did not propose to extend the current service area beyond the present footprint as did most other applicants. This applicant also wants to expand their territories at the expense of current providers effectively putting them out of business.

Submitter: Charter Communications

Comment: Charter Communications ('Charter'), a broadband service provider, has invested capital to provide a full range of Broadband services, including High Speed Internet services, in this service area. The applicant's request in the proposed under-served and un-served service area would create an overlap in Charter's service area. Charter's response includes the necessary information to validate the overlapping condition as a result of this applicant's request.

Submitter: AT&T

Comment: AT&T is providing data about its wireline and mobile broadband footprint to assist in determining whether the applicant's proposed service area, which may be part of a larger application and project, satisfies the unserved and underserved eligibility requirements. Additional information regarding other broadband service providers' currently operating in the service area may be needed in order to make a reasonable analysis or a conclusive determination.

-----**Service Area:** Antrim County Southwest

Submitter: Charter

Comment: Charter Communications ('Charter'), a broadband service provider, has invested capital to provide a full range of Broadband services, including High Speed Internet services, in this service area. The applicant's request in the proposed under-served and un-served service area would create an overlap in Charter's service area. Charter's response includes the necessary information to validate the overlapping condition as a result of this applicant's request.

Submitter: AT&T

Comment: AT&T is providing data about its wireline and mobile broadband footprint to assist in determining whether the applicant's proposed service area, which may be part of a larger application and project, satisfies the unserved and underserved eligibility requirements. Additional information regarding other broadband service providers' currently operating in the service area may be needed in order to make a reasonable analysis or a conclusive determination.

-----**Service Area:** Otsego County Greater Area

Submitter: Charter Communications

Comment: Charter Communications ('Charter'), a broadband service provider, has invested capital to provide a full range of Broadband services, including High Speed Internet services, in this service area. The applicant's request in the proposed unserved and under-served service areas would create an overlap in Charter's service area. Charter's response includes the necessary information to validate the overlapping condition as a result of this applicant's request.

Submitter: Winn Telephone Company d/b/a Winn Telecom

Comment: Winn Telephone Company d/b/a Winn Telecom ("Winn") is responding to the application of Merit Network, Inc. for broadband funding under the ARRA. The applicant's Proposed Funded Service Area includes portions of Winn's service area in the Gaylord exchange in Otsego County, Michigan.

Winn's service territory overlaps approximately 40.1% of the Proposed Funded Service Area as drawn by the applicant and as drawn by the respondent in the Public Notice Response form. 100% of the households in Winn's service area that overlaps the Proposed Funded Service Area have access to broadband service at advertised speeds of 3 Mbps or higher. Thus the portion of the Proposed Funded Service Area overlapping Winn's service territory fails to meet two of the three requirements for an area to be designated as underserved.

-----**Service Area:** Monroe County Northeastern Border

Submitter: Charter Communications

Comment: Charter Communications ('Charter'), a broadband service provider, has invested capital to provide a full range of Broadband services, including High Speed Internet services, in this service area. The applicant's request in the proposed under-served and un-served service area would create an

overlap in Charter's service area. Charter's response includes the necessary information to validate the overlapping condition as a result of this applicant's request.

Submitter: AT&T

Comment: AT&T is providing data about its wireline and mobile broadband footprint to assist in determining whether the applicant's proposed service area, which may be part of a larger application and project, satisfies the unserved and underserved eligibility requirements.

Additional information regarding other broadband service providers' currently operating in the service area may be needed in order to make a reasonable analysis or a conclusive determination.

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:** Emmet County Northeast

Submitter: Charter Communications

Comment: Charter Communications ('Charter'), a broadband service provider, has invested capital to provide a full range of Broadband services, including High Speed Internet services, in this service area. The applicant's request in the proposed under-served service area would create an overlap in Charter's service area. Charter's response includes the necessary information to validate the overlapping condition as a result of this applicant's request.

Submitter: AT&T

Comment: AT&T is providing data about its wireline and mobile broadband footprint to assist in determining whether the applicant's proposed service area, which may be part of a larger application and project, satisfies the unserved and underserved eligibility requirements.

Additional information regarding other broadband service providers' currently operating in the service area may be needed in order to make a reasonable analysis or a conclusive determination.