

Broadband USA Applications Database

Applicant Name: LAT, Inc.

Public Notice Submissions

-----**Service Area:** Butte

Submitter: Bresnan Communications

Comment: Based on our research and exposure in this service area, we've concluded that this proposed funded service area fails to meet the NOFA definitions of underserved or unserved as defined in NOFA.

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Our market research and in-depth knowledge of our markets show that we occupy approximately 45-55% of the market share of broadband subscribers in this market, with the remaining distributed among incumbent telcos. With the subscribers and penetration levels entered below, this market area exceeds the penetration and access thresholds as defined in the NOFA, thus making this application ineligible for BTOP/BIP funds in this proposed funded service area.

We have outlined our service areas on the mapping tool provided. Also, see the attached supporting document for additional information regarding our product offering and price points in this market. We also entered confidential and sensitive subscriber details to support our case.

Submitter: Qwest

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application of LAT, Inc. for funding for an area represented as “unserved” that is located, in whole or in part, in Qwest’s broadband service area.

Submitter: DigitalBridge Communications Corp.

Comment: DigitalBridge Communications (“DBC”) currently offers true 4G, WiMAX broadband service in the applicant’s PFSA, serving an active base of residential and business subscribers in the PFSA. Other companies also serve the PFSA - DBC actively competes with cable (Bresnan) and DSL (Qwest) broadband providers in the PFSA. DBC has 100% overlap of its coverage with the PFSA based on households served.

-----**Service Area:** Harrison

Submitter: 3 Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

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Submitter: Southern Montana Telephone Company

Comment: Respondent offers broadband speeds of at least 768 kbps downstream and 512 kbps upstream to the Applicant's entire proposed funded service area that overlaps Respondent's service area.

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establishments purchasing 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.

-----**Service Area:** Big Timber

Submitter: Triangle Communications

Comment: Triangle Telephone Cooperative provides broadband service in the area indicated in the attached map using DSL technologies. Because all the households in the proposed service area are capable of receiving broadband from Triangle Telephone, this area does not meet the definition of unserved under the ARRA.

Submitter: Cable Montana, LLC

Comment: Cable Montana offers high speed data with more than 3 Meg download speeds in Big Timber, MT. Currently, Cable Montana has 21% penetration of the homes in Big Timber. Triangle Telephone, the local telephone provider, also provides high speed data services and holds a portion of the market share. LAT, Inc has marked Big Timber as UNserved; however, we clearly serve the population. It does not seem necessary or a benefit to provide additional funds to build out a last mile project in Big Timber, MT.

-----**Service Area:** Livingston

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Submitter: Cable Montana, LLC

Comment: Cable Montana offers high speed data service with up to 3 Meg download speeds in Columbus, Fromberg, and Red Lodge, MT. Cable Montana's penetration of HSD in Columbus is 20%. The penetration in Fromberg is 9% because it was recently launched. The penetration in Red Lodge is 33%. These communities are also served by Qwest, which in combination with Cable Montana should deem them as served communities. It does not seem necessary nor a benefit to the communities to provide additional funding to build out last mile projects in Columbus, Fromberg or Red Lodge, MT.

-----**Service Area:** Laurel

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Comment: Cable Montana offers high speed data services with more than 3 Meg download speeds to all of Laurel, MT. The penetration rate in Laurel is 40.02% for HSD which classifies it as served, not underserved. Rural Broadband also serves high speed wireless data in Laurel. With both providers, along with Qwest, there is no question that Laurel is a served community as it relates to high speed data services. Cable Montana also serves Park City, MT and has a penetration rate of 43% in that community. It does not seem necessary or a benefit to the community to provide additional funds to build out a last mile project in either Laurel or Park City, MT.

