

Broadband USA Applications Database

Applicant Name: ATEC

Public Notice Submissions

-----**Service Area:** Bradford & Susquehanna

Submitter: The North-Eastern Pennsylvania Telephone Company

Comment: The North-Eastern Pennsylvania Telephone Company (NEP Telephone) is a rural telephone company under the Telecommunications Act of 1996. NEP Telephone's Service Area includes portions of Lackawanna, Susquehanna, and Wayne Counties in northeastern Pennsylvania. NEP Telephone respectfully submits that applicants for BTOP and BIP money from the 2009 Broadband Stimulus Act for proposed funded service areas within NEP Telephone's Service Area have not conducted adequate due diligence and do not qualify for funding. NEP Telephone currently offers a wide range of products, including but not limited to high speed residential and business DSL, satisfying the federal broadband standard of providing two-way data transmission with advertised speeds of at least 768 kilobits per second (kbps) downstream and at least 200 kbps upstream to end users, and achieving transmission speeds of at least 3 Mbps downstream.

NEP Telephone has provided state-of-the-art services in northeastern Pennsylvania for over 108 years. Pursuant to Pennsylvania state law, Act 183 of 2004, as of December 31, 2008, NEP Telephone has deployed broadband service offering minimum transmission speeds of 1.544 Mbps downstream/128 kbps upstream to 100% of its Service Area. NEP Telephone also offers up to 5 MB download/ 896 kbps upload speeds to business customers and 3 MB download/ 896 kbps upload speeds to residential customers. NEP Telephone is also undertaking a new, multi-million dollar project that will eventually bring a MPEG 4 IPTV platform and Fiber to the Home (FTH) capability throughout its Service Area, enhancing broadband speeds to up to 25 MB download/ 10 MB upload speeds throughout the area.

All companies should be on equal footing. NEP Telephone has invested millions in current broadband technologies and has commenced a project to invest millions more in a fiber to the home platform. NEP Telephone's Service Area is neither unserved nor underserved.

Tim Stearns

The North-Eastern Pennsylvania Telephone Company

VP Operations

Submitter: Pencor

Comment: RESIDENTIAL PACKAGES

Blue Ridge Communications offers Residential High Speed Internet Packages that range from:
1.5 Megabits Downstream / 384 Kilobits Upstream to 15Megabits Downstream /2 Megabits Upstream.

COMMERCIAL PACKAGES

Blue Ridge Communications Commercial High Speed Internet Packages range from:
3 Megabits Downstream / 800 Kilobits Upstream to 15 Megabits Downstream / 2 Megabits Upstream.

Blue Ridge Communications/PTD Commercial High Speed Internet Packages range from:
2 Megabits Downstream / 2 Megabit Upstream to 12 Megabits Downstream / 2 Megabit Upstream

Submitter: Commonwealth Telephone Company, LLC

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