

## Broadband USA Applications Database

**Applicant Name:** ZippyTech Incorporated

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### Public Notice Submissions

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-----**Service Area:** Breen

**Submitter:** Velocitynet LLC

**Comment:** VelocityNet, hereby, respectfully opposes and objects to this and all applications being considered for Broadband competitors applying for BIP or BTOP funding to expand into our existing rural markets of La Plata County and Montezuma County, Colorado.

These two counties are neither “unserved” nor “underserved” as defined by BIP and BTOP, and should not be eligible for any BIP or BTOP funding.

VelocityNet LLC has been providing and advertising 3Mb of high-speed broadband, wireless Internet services in Montezuma County and La Plata County in Colorado for over six years.

In addition to VelocityNet, there are six other Broadband companies, already providing and advertising high-speed, broadband services in Montezuma County and la Plata County, Colorado, including Breen.

Qwest provides DSL in Cortez, Durango & Mancos;

CenturyTel has DSL in Dolores, Lewis, and Arriola;

Baja has cable broadband in Cortez;

Farmers Telephone Company has broadband service in rural Montezuma County;

Brainstorm has DSL and High-speed Wireless service in rural La Plata County;

Mydurango.net also has service in rural La Plata County.

VelocityNet has grown, and prefers to grow, the old-fashion way...through hard-work and reinvesting profits... without relying on grants, loans or other outside financing. If BIP or BTOP provide grants and/or loans for the markets we serve, they would give an undeserved, “Government-funded financial advantage” to our competitors, and that would be completely unfair in our American free-market economy.

Therefore, as one of numerous incumbent broadband Internet service providers serving these two counties, we respectfully request that this and all existing and/or future applications for Montezuma County and La Plata County in Colorado be denied.

-----**Service Area:** North Animas

**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.

Bresnan, along with other local telcos such as Qwest, provide broadband service in this service area via cable modem and DSL technology. Bresnan provides several tiers of broadband service with download speeds ranging from 1.5mbps to 15mbps.

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.