

Broadband USA Applications Database

Applicant Name: Tel Serv Communications

Public Notice Submissions

-----**Service Area:** NE South Dakota Rural Broadband

Submitter: RC Technologies

Comment: As illustrated on the map below, the proposed funded service area of the applicant, NE South Dakota Rural Broadband, proposes to serve an area currently served by RC Technologies (RCT). Within the 141 square mile area of overlap, RCT has the capability to offer DSL service with speeds of 1.5 Mbps down and 768 Kbps up to 100% of households and businesses.

Submitter: Venture Communications Cooperative

Comment: Venture Communications Cooperative demonstrates that it provides broadband service throughout the Northeast South Dakota area which is encompassed in the proposed funded Service Area in the Tel Serv Communications application and that the proposed funded Service Area is not unserved or underserved.

As demonstrated, virtually 100% of households in Venture's service territory within the proposed funded Service Area are able to readily subscribe upon request to facilities-based, terrestrial broadband services with an advertised speed of greater than 768 kbps downstream and 200 kbps upstream from Venture; virtually 100% of the households in Venture's service territory within the proposed funded Service Area have access to facilities-based, terrestrial broadband service at greater than the minimum broadband transmission speed as set forth in the definition of broadband; Venture advertises broadband service at broadband transmission speeds of at least 3 megabits per second downstream throughout the proposed funded Service Area; and the rate of broadband subscribership for the proposed funded Service Area is greater than 40 percent of households.

Submitter: James Valley Cooperative Telephone Co & NVC

Comment: James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company and Northern Valley Communications, LLC demonstrate that they provides broadband service throughout Brown, Day and Spink Counties which

are encompassed in the proposed funded Service Area in the Tel Serv Communications application and that the proposed funded Service Area is not unserved or underserved.

As demonstrated, 100% of households in JV & NVC's service territories within the proposed funded Service Area are able to readily subscribe upon request to facilities-based, terrestrial broadband services with an advertised speed of greater than 768 kbps downstream and 200 kbps upstream from JV & NVC; 100% of the households in JV & NVC's service territories within the proposed funded Service Area have access to facilities-based, terrestrial broadband service at greater than the minimum broadband transmission speed as set forth in the definition of broadband; JV & NVC advertise broadband service at broadband transmission speeds of at least 3 megabits per second downstream throughout the proposed funded Service Area; and the rate of broadband subscribership for the proposed funded Service Area is greater than 40 percent of households.

Submitter: Valley Telecommunications Coop

Comment: Valley Telecommunications Cooperative (Valley) is providing information regarding the number of residential households and business establishments capable of receiving broadband in the area that the applicant's PFSA overlaps the respondent's service area. Valley is also providing information regarding the number of existing customers purchasing broadband service in the area of overlap. In the area of overlap, greater than 50% of households have access to facilities-based broadband service and the rate of broadband subscribership for residential households and business establishments exceeds 40%. Valley also advertises broadband transmission speeds of at least 3 Mbps downstream within the area of overlap.

Submitter: Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative

Comment: Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative (ITC) demonstrates that it provides broadband service throughout many portions of the Tel Serv Communications application which is encompassed in the proposed funded Service Area in the Satellite Broadband ARRA Application and that the proposed funded Service Area is not unserved or underserved. As demonstrated, 100% of households in ITC's service territory within the proposed funded Service Area are able to readily subscribe upon request to facilities-based, terrestrial broadband services with an advertised speed of greater than 768 kbps downstream and 200 kbps upstream from ITC; 100% of the households in ITC's service territory within the proposed funded Service Area have access to facilities-based, terrestrial broadband service at greater than the minimum broadband transmission speed as set forth in the definition of broadband; ITC advertises broadband service at broadband transmission speeds of at least 3 megabits per second downstream throughout many portions of the proposed funded Service Area; and the rate of broadband

subscribership for the proposed funded Service Area is 2.3% of households. Monies are currently being expended to upgrade facilities to offer minimum 1.5Mbps and higher speeds to the entire service area.

Submitter: Qwest

Comment: As authorized by the BIP and BTOP Notice of Funds Availability and the Public Notice associated with the publication of BIP and BTOP broadband infrastructure project funding applications found on the BroadbandUSA.gov website, Qwest responds with broadband service data to the application of Tel Serv Communications - Aberdeen for funding for an area represented as “underserved” that is located, in whole or in part, in Qwest’s broadband service area.