

Broadband USA Applications Database

Applicant Name: The University of Texas at Austin

Public Notice Submissions

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Comment: Comments: The University of Texas at Austin

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Comment: October 28, 2009

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SUBJECT: Applicant Name: The University of Texas at Austin (Austin, TX)

Project Title: Texas Open Pop Project (TOPP)

Program: BIP/BTOP

Gentlemen:

This letter is in response to The University of Texas (UT) BIP/BTOP middle mile grant request. In UT's application they claim that "rural Americans end up being the victim of middle mile problems with no means of connecting those loops back to the greater network."

As a segment provider of the Texas Lone Star Network (TLSN), Hill Country Telecommunications, LLC (HCT) has invested approximately \$4.7 million in fiber infrastructure, which provides "middle mile" access. TLSN is composed of 38 independent telephone companies who have joined their fiber network to create a statewide fiber optic network throughout the state of Texas. Being a Dense Wavelength Division Multiplexing (DWDM) transport provider for the Lonestar Education and Research Network (LEARN) Project and private industry, tremendous amounts of bandwidth exist on this network today.

UT's claim of insufficient "middle mile" facilities is bogus and unqualified. TLSN stands ready to meet the middle mile requirements throughout rural Texas.

Therefore, Hill Country Telecommunications, LLC respectfully request that the University of Texas application for a middle mile grant be denied.

Sincerely,

Delbert Wilson

General Manager

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CMA Communications has made a significant private investment to deliver service to Weimar. The applicant's Executive Summary contends that "Currently many of these areas have no broadband, and where it does exist is ad hoc expensive, and difficult/costly to install and maintain." We strongly disagree with this statement, and the applicant provides no other information to warrant this claim. The scarcity of federal broadband funding resources is such that a \$21M proposal should be carefully scrutinized.

In addition to Weimar, TX, The University of Texas application would provide redundant service in the areas of Giddings, La Grange, Hallettsville and Schulenburg. We have filed similar public responses in each of these communities.

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Submitter: Reveille Broadband

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Submitter: Reveille Broadband

Comment: Reveille Broadband has a franchise with the City of Somerville to provide cable TV services which in this market includes cable TV, Digital cable, Broadband Internet and will soon include VoIP. Reveille Broadband also has a State of Texas issued franchise for the town of Lyons, which is served by the same network as Somerville. Reveille is a small company with four employees currently. It seems that this grant program was intended for small companies like Reveille Broadband. Reveille is already competing with Verizon in Somerville for its triple play customers, (video, voice and data) as well as a local wireless operator. If this applicant had done any field research at all it would know that almost every community in its applications proposed service area is already being served by at least two other Broadband providers.

-----**Service Area:** Burnet

Submitter: AT&T

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Submitter: Internet America, Inc.

Comment: Internet America currently provides access to high-speed Broadband Internet service to this Applicant's proposed service area. As detailed in this response the Company believes the area should be re-categorized as served.

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-----**Service Area:** La Grange

Submitter: Texas Lone Star Network

Comment: Comments: The University of Texas at Austin

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Submitter: CMA Communications

Comment: CMA Communications currently provides a robust 6 Mbps broadband service to La Grange, TX, and appreciates the opportunity to share a public response regarding the University of Texas at Austin's ambitious (BUILD) \$21M application. CMA's comments are intended to provide factual knowledge and context that will assist in review of this application. Our Public Response includes an accurate rendering of our current service area, a summary of homes capable of receiving our broadband products and an overview of product features.

CMA Communications has made a significant private investment to deliver service to La Grange. The applicant's Executive Summary contends that "Currently many of these areas have no broadband, and where it does exist is ad hoc expensive, and difficult/costly to install and maintain." We strongly disagree with this statement, and the applicant provides no other information to warrant this claim. The scarcity of federal broadband funding resources is such that a \$21M proposal should be carefully scrutinized.

In addition to La Grange, TX, The University of Texas application would provide redundant service in the areas of Weimar, Schulenburg, Hallettsville and Giddings. We have filed similar public responses in each of these communities.

-----**Service Area:** Gonzales

Submitter: Time Warner Cable Inc

Comment: As shown in the attached map and exhibit, TWC currently provides broadband Internet access service in the Proposed Funded Service Area. In addition, we advertise service of speeds above 3 Mbps throughout this service area. We pass over 50% of households, and either (1) have actual broadband subscribership of over 40% of the households in these census blocks or (2) the combined broadband subscribership of the wireline broadband providers (including TWC) in these census blocks is reasonably likely to exceed 40%. Therefore, that portion of the proposed funded service area that overlaps Respondent's service area reflected in this response is neither "unserved" or "underserved."

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Comment: Comments: The University of Texas at Austin

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-----**Service Area:** Goldthwaite

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Submitter: Central Texas Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Comment: Central Texas Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (Central Texas) is an incumbent broadband provider in Mills County, TX, an area covered by the University of Texas' Goldthwaite TOPP Middle Mile

broadband stimulus application. The applicant's Proposed Service Area is served by Central Texas and other broadband service providers. Central Texas provides universal broadband coverage to 100% of its potential subscribers in the applicant's Proposed Service Area and provides broadband service to 44% of those potential subscribers. Central Texas has consistently and effectively advertised the availability of broadband Internet access at speeds of 3 Mbps and higher.

-----**Service Area:** Eagle Lake

Submitter: AT&T

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