

## Broadband USA Applications Database

**Applicant Name:** MidAmerican Broadband Pipeline, Inc.

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### Public Notice Submissions

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**Submitter:** Heart of Iowa Communications Cooperative

**Comment:** Heart of Iowa Communications Cooperative was established in 1958 to provide quality telephone service in rural Central Iowa. Since its inception, Heart of Iowa has been evolving to keep up with the many changes and demands of the telecommunications industry. To diversify its service offerings, Heart of Iowa launched its Broadband High Speed Internet service in 2000. Heart of Iowa has provided service in the Laurel area since 2006. Broadband High Speed Internet service has been available to the area since 2006.

**Submitter:** Modern Cooperative Telephone Company

**Comment:** The information contained in this response proves that customers within our service territory, which overlaps the applicant's proposed service area, have access to quality, facilities-based broadband service as defined by the RUS/NTIA Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA).

**Submitter:** Iowa Telecom

**Comment:** Applicant proposes to provide wireless and wireline middle-mile facilities to unidentified last-mile providers in a corridor approximately 40 miles wide centered on Interstate 80 between Des Moines and Iowa City. Iowa Telecom serves 10 exchanges as the incumbent local exchange carrier in the service area proposed by this applicant. Iowa Telecom offers 1.5 mbps broadband service to approximately 80% of all households in these exchanges and offers 3 to 15 mbps broadband service in 5 of these exchanges. In addition, Qwest, Mediacom and numerous small rural incumbent LECs, rural CLECs and rural CATV companies provide comparable services in their certificated areas which also overlap the proposed service area. Iowa Telecom (and, to the extent that they serve the proposed area with their comparable broadband services, the other competitors in the area) has also built or leased middle-mile facilities. Based on the variety of broadband services already available in this corridor, Iowa Telecom asks that this application be rejected.

**Submitter:** South Slope Cooperative Telephone Company

**Comment:** South Slope Cooperative Telephone Company (South Slope) demonstrates that it provides broadband service throughout the entire area encompassed in the proposed funded Service Area in the MidAmerican Broadband Pipeline, Inc application; that no interconnection point identified in the proposed project and no part of the proposed project terminates in a proposed funded Service Area that qualifies as unserved or underserved for Last Mile projects; and all of the Last Mile areas to be served identified in the application are served with broadband service by South Slope. Further, South Slope demonstrates that in addition to providing its own last mile broadband services, South Slope has middle mile broadband facilities providing sufficient capacity to support the provision of broadband service to end users.

As demonstrated, 100% of households in the proposed funded Service Area, including the identified interconnection points, are able to readily subscribe upon request to facilities-based, terrestrial broadband services at a minimum transmission speed of greater than 768 kbps downstream and 200 kbps upstream from South Slope; 100% of the households in the proposed funded Service Area, including the identified interconnection points, have access to facilities-based, terrestrial broadband service at greater than the minimum broadband transmission speed as set forth in the definition of broadband; South Slope advertises broadband service at broadband transmission speeds of at least 3 megabits per second downstream throughout the proposed funded Service Area, including the identified interconnection points; and the rate of broadband subscribership for the proposed funded Service Area, including the identified interconnection points, is greater than 40 percent of households.

**Submitter:** Sully Telephone Association

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**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 MidAmerican Broadband Pipeline, Inc., Central Iowa for funding for an area represented as "underserved" that is located, in whole or in part, in Qwest's broadband service area.

**Submitter:** Partner Communications Cooperative

**Comment:** Partner Communications Cooperative offers three DSL broadband plans throughout our service area with downloads ranging from up to 1 Meg, up to 3 Meg and up to 5 Meg. We offer additional flexibility through our "Add a Meg" program, which allows plans with downloads up to 2 Meg and up to 4 Meg. Partner provides DSL broadband service throughout 115 square miles of MidAmerican Broadband Pipeline, Inc's Jasper and Poweshiek County Proposed Funded Service Area. We have 521 Residential and 40 Business broadband customers within the MidAmerican Broadband Pipeline, Inc's Jasper and Poweshiek PFSA.

**Submitter:** Cooperative Telephone Company

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