

Broadband USA Applications Database

Applicant Name: GlenMartin, Inc.

Public Notice Submissions

-----**Service Area:** 11 Houston Howell

Submitter: CenturyLink

Comment: The proposed service areas are not wholly underserved or unserved. CenturyLink is submitting data that shows the application's proposed service area is not underserved or unserved, under program guidelines. Accordingly, the application must be denied as ineligible. With limited funding and a large pool of applications, program grants and loans must be directed only to areas that are truly underserved or unserved, as stipulated in the program guidelines. CenturyLink can certify that its affiliates currently offer broadband service in some or all of the applicant's proposed service areas. Attached is a state map that is a representative sample of areas where the application overlaps our existing broadband deployment. CenturyLink also provides data showing broadband availability in our local telephone exchanges within the proposed service areas. We will provide additional information on request if that will further assist the agency's review. This data is not exhaustive; the application may include other areas also currently served with broadband by other providers, which should be considered in the assessment of the application. Our data combined with that of other broadband providers would likely show further duplication and overlap of broadband services in the proposed service areas. CenturyLink has committed to upgrade and extend broadband. CenturyLink has an extensive broadband footprint today, and has committed to extend that service even further. As part of its merger commitments to the Federal Communications Commission, CenturyLink committed to offer retail broadband Internet access service to 100% of its broadband eligible access lines by July 1, 2012. Consequently, virtually no areas served by CenturyTel or Embarq local operating companies, in any state, will be underserved or unserved at the end of three years. CenturyLink also agreed to meet targets for minimum download speeds. CenturyLink will ensure availability of retail broadband Internet access service with a download speed of 1.5 Mbps to 87% of the broadband eligible access lines by July 1, 2011. It will ensure availability with a download speed of 3 Mbps to 75% of broadband eligible access lines by July 1, 2010, to 78% of broadband eligible lines by July 1, 2011, and to 80% of broadband eligible lines within 3 years of the close date. Nationwide, our average tele-density is 23 customers per square mile. This commitment ensures availability of broadband even to very rural consumers. The agency should consider the importance of this commitment, as CenturyLink's continuing investment inevitably will make applications that overlap CenturyLink service areas less viable. CenturyLink has proven, industry-leading experience in deploying broadband networks and services using both wireline and wireless technology, and a strong commitment and focus on rural areas. Today, it serves over 7 million access lines and 2.1 million broadband customers in 33 states.

Submitter: Boycom Cablevision Inc.

Comment: Boycom Cablevision Inc. is a borrower in the RUS Broadband loan program and currently has an upgrade project in progress using the RUS loan program funding. The upgrade will cover its Butler County, Wappapello, Puxico, Fisk and Qulin MO service areas. Once completed it will allow high speed data services in excess of 10 Mbps Downstream and 3 Mbps Upstream. Boycom Cablevision Inc. also has cable service in the Mountain View, MO in Howell Co. This system is planned to be tied to our Butler County, MO system via fiber to access high speed data.

Submitter: Peace Valley Telephone Co., Inc.

Comment: I write on behalf of Peace Valley Telephone Co., Inc. We are a small Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier in Howell and a small portion of Oregon County Missouri. We operate as an independent telecommunications carrier of last resort. We cover approximately 100 square miles between West Plains, MO, Mountain View, MO, Pomona, MO and the Shannon County line. Also, our territory stretches into Oregon County in a few small areas. We have expended large sums of our own money, as no grants or loans were used, to provide high speed broadband internet to our customers. We have broadband availability to 100% of our customers. We use ADSL2 and HVDL technologies. Our service is very reliable.

To allow another carrier to come in, and put in place an additional service plant, would not be cost effective or necessary. We have worked hard, in a very low population density area and a high cost area, to provide quality broadband coverage without loans or grants. The issue of faster speeds, in our low population, high cost area, is not a need for a new network, it is a need for lower costs in obtaining the bandwidth connection to the internet. A lower cost would allow us to provide even higher speeds over the current network. We looked into putting up towers for aerial wireless broadband but given the hills, the trees and the general terrain, all studies showed it could not cover 100% of our customers like we currently do. Our broadband network and coverage is very reliable and meets the needs of 100% of our customers.

-----**Service Area:** 11 Houston Texas

Submitter: Mediacom Communications Corporation

Comment: A large number of households in applicant's proposed service area are currently served by at least two wireline broadband service providers including Mediacom and Socket. Broadband speeds well in excess of the minimum broadband speeds set forth in the NOFA are currently available within the applicant's proposed service area. For its part, Mediacom advertises and provides broadband services within the proposed service area at speeds up to 20 Mbps.

Submitter: Cable America Missouri LLC

Comment: CableAmerica currently provides Broadband Internet speeds of 5.2Mbps download and 512Kbps upload.

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