

Broadband USA Applications Database

Applicant Name: Level 3 EON, LLC

Public Notice Submissions

-----**Service Area:** Shelbyville

Submitter: AT&T

Comment: AT&T is providing data about its wireline and mobile broadband footprint to assist in determining whether the applicant's proposed service area, which may be part of a larger application and project, satisfies the unserved and underserved eligibility requirements. Additional information regarding other broadband service providers' currently operating in the service area may be needed in order to make a reasonable analysis or a conclusive determination.

-----**Service Area:** Savannah

Submitter: TDS Telecom

Comment: TDS Telecom offers 3Mbps broadband service within the applicants proposed service area and provides broadband service to customers pursuant to the NOFA definitions.

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Submitter: Ben Lomand Communications, LLC

Comment: Ben Lomand Telephone Cooperative, Inc., and Ben Lomand Communications, LLC, (Ben Lomand) offer middle mile services to connect the communities of McMinnville, Sparta, Spencer, Tracy City, Laager, Monteagle, Beersheba, Pelham, Hillsboro, Viola, Rock Island, Dibrell, Doyle, Old Zion, and BonDeCroft in the State of Tennessee. They have multiple transport networks to connect these communities, including Ethernet and Sonet transport systems that offer a capacity of up to 10 Gigabits. These communities are served with a diversely routed fiber optic cable system that provides high reliability and resiliency from a potential fiber optic cable cut. Their existing fiber optic cable infrastructure and transport network electronics provide adequate transport facilities to serve all the needs of these communities today and into the future. Based on the factors included in this response, RUS/NTIA must reject the Level 3 EON LLC's Manchester application. The public interest goals suggested to be furthered by the proposed project are being accomplished using existing "middle-mile" infrastructure, which is thereby more efficient and will avoid the potential destabilizing effect of

subsidized competition. These locations cannot be considered either “underserved” or “unserved”. The middle mile and last mile infrastructure deployed by Ben Lomand and its affiliated companies currently provide (and will continue to provide) highly reliable, state-of-the-art services to the businesses and residents of these communities.

-----**Service Area:** Oak Grove

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