

Broadband USA Applications Database

Applicant Name: N-1 Communications, LLC

Public Notice Submissions

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service upon request. Windstream also has reason to believe that competitive broadband offerings are available in exchanges overlapping the proposed funded service area. Given this information, agency officials should further investigate existing broadband offerings within the proposed funded service area, so that officials can be sure that the area, in fact, qualifies as underserved.

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downstream with 3 Mb internet service also being advertised. I.P. Video services are available throughout all exchange areas, further demonstrating and utilizing the capacity of the established broadband facilities. The Seneca Goodman and Ozark Telephone Companies have provided dedicated fiber access for broadband service transmission to schools located within their exchange areas, and in 2004 began providing broadband internet access in their certificated exchange areas of rural southwest Missouri, Northwest Arkansas, and Northeast Oklahoma. Currently several fixed broadband facility and nationwide wireless providers are competing for broadband services within the exchange areas of Seneca, Goodman, and Ozark Telephone Companies.

Submitter: McDonald Telephone Company

Comment: McDonald County Telephone Company is capable of providing broadband at speeds of at 3.0 Mbps downstream and 1.5 Mbps upstream to 100% of its customers in all of its exchanges where N-1 Communication's application overlaps McDonald County's service territory. McDonald County's territory is neither unserved nor underserved.

-----**Service Area:** Joplin MO - Lawrence County

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-----**Service Area:** Joplin MO - Newton County

Submitter: Granby Telephone Company

Comment:

Granby Telephone Company (GTC) has been serving this area since 1904 and Stouffer Communications, a partner company, has been providing Internet access service since 1995. Broadband services at speeds up to 1 Mbps has been available since 2005 and 3 Mbps have been available since April 2009. We were the first in the area to provide broadband service to rural Americans. We continue to be a leader in providing advanced communications to 99% of our service areas. Being a full service provider, GTC offers our customers the opportunity for consolidated packaging of communication services with competitive discounts. GTC is one of the top employers in the area. Because GTC's employees are hometown people, our community benefits from GTC's local customer service where customers always receive personal attention.

In keeping with our long tradition of providing cutting-edge technologies in communities that large providers ignore, GTC has begun a Fiber To The Home (FTTH) project. The first section of our FTTH project will be completed by the first quarter 2010. Additionally, the entire project is estimated to be completed in 2014, and every customer in GTC's service areas, even in the most remote rural areas, will have a direct fiber feed from their home and business to the world.

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Submitter: Stouffer Communications

Comment: Stouffer Communications currently serves this area with internet access and Broadband services. Speeds up to 1Mbps have been available since 2003 and speeds of 3Mbps are currently available. We were the first in our area to provide advanced broadband services to rural residents. We are a full service provider offering computer repair and local technical support for our customers.

We continue to expand our coverage areas to include as close to 100% of the customers within our service areas as possible. We have upgraded the majority of our service access points in an effort to provide even the most rural customers with advanced Broadband internet. Our backbone is fiber-based and we are able to offer a very reliable connection at an affordable price to customers in our area.

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Submitter: Columbus Telephone Co.

Comment: Columbus Telephone Co. is a 100% fiber optic company, serving it's certified area with fiber to the premise at synchronous speeds up to 16 megabits per second. Columbus has the installed capacity, at the premise, to deliver 100 megabits per second to the premise.

-----**Service Area:** Joplin MO - Ottawa County OK

Submitter: Cable One, Inc.

Comment: Cable One, Inc. is a multi-system broadband provider operating in 19 states. Cable One offers residential broadband service with speeds up to 10 MB and customizable commercial solutions with flexible bandwidth offerings from 5Mbps to 1 Gbps. By November 1, 2009, the majority of Cable One systems will also be offering 12 Mb residential broadband service with a 20 MB boost. Cable One

provides its subscribers with quality service offerings at competitive rates. Cable One expends substantial capital and resources to ensure that customers enjoy the latest technology and the highest standards of customer service, and has made its customers and its communities its first priority.

Please refer to our supporting documentation and comments that establish that Cable One already operates in census tract(s) encompassing or included in Applicant's Proposed Funded Service Area. The uploaded document includes maps showing census tracts and homes passed for each the applicable systems, current advertisements for residential and commercial broadband offerings, and subscriber data by census tract.

Cable one's current broadband service offerings are as follows:

Residential:

Economy, Speed (Down/up) - 1.5 Mb/150 kbps, Service Rate - \$20.00

Standard , Speed (Down/up) - 5 Mb/500 kbps, Service Rate - \$43.00

Premium, Speed (Down/up) - 10 Mb/1 Mb, Service Rate - \$53.00

Commercial:

Economy, Speed (Down/up) - 5 Mb/1.0 Mb, Service Rate - \$69.65

Standard, Speed (Down/up) - 10.0 Mb/1.0 Mb, Service Rate - \$85.95

Premium, Speed (Down/up) - 12.0 Mb/1.5 Mb, Service Rate - \$99.95

Ultra, Speed (Down/up) - 15.0 Mb/2.0 Mb, Service Rate - \$199.95

Enterprise Plus, Speed (Down/up) - 20.0 Mb/2.5 Mb, Service Rate - \$299.95

Discounted bundles and promotional pricing are also available.

Submitter: RuraliNet,LLC

Comment: RuraliNet,LLC formerly Nationsnetwork has been providing wireless service in this funding area for the past eight years. RuraliNets service area includes the city's of Welch, Bluejacket, Afton, Quapaw, Commerce, Miami and most of the surrounding areas.

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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