

Broadband USA Applications Database

Applicant Name: Softcom Internet Communications Inc.

Public Notice Submissions

-----**Service Area:** Softcom CA Rural Expansion

Submitter: Comcast Cable

Comment: Attached is a summary of the Comcast Cable homes passed, subscriber and advertising information related to the service areas encompassed by this application.

Submitter: SureWest Communications

Comment: Respondent disputes herein that some of the service area proposed for funding by Softcom Internet Communications Inc. is neither underserved nor unserved. Putting aside the issue of other existing providers, for alleged unserved area, respondent shows that in the proposed funded service area, it currently advertises and provides fixed broadband service with transmission speeds of at least 768 kbps downstream and 200 kbps upstream, and that more than 10 percent of the households in the proposed funded service area currently have access to that service for alleged underserved area. Respondent also shows that in the proposed funded service area, 1) it currently advertises and provides fixed broadband service with transmission speeds of at least 3 mbps downstream, 2) that more than 50 percent of the households in the proposed funded service area currently have access to that service, and 3) that more than 40% of the households in the proposed funded service area currently subscribe to broadband service. The wireline broadband service providers in the area are AT&T, SureWest, and Comcast and Comcast and various wireless broadband providers.

SureWest has compared CBGs with those applied for by applicant and there are none that fall into the served areas. Our contentions are due to the potential overlap of mapping. If the maps do not fall into the covered serving areas, than there would not be a negative response.