

Broadband USA Applications Database

Applicant Name: GlenMartin, Inc.

Public Notice Submissions

-----**Service Area:** 16_PoplarBluff_Butler

Submitter: Windstream

Comment: Windstream's data strongly suggest that the proposed funded service area likely does not qualify as an unserved area. Windstream offers facilities-based, terrestrial broadband service at advertised speeds of greater than 768 kbps downstream and 200 kbps upstream to some of the households within the proposed funded service area, and such households can readily subscribe to Windstream's broadband 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 unserved.

Windstream is a communications and entertainment company with more than 1 million broadband customers in 16 states. Investing more than \$200 million in broadband deployment over the last several years, Windstream now offers approximately 89% of its 3 million voice customers access to quality and affordable broadband service.

The agencies define an "unserved area" as follows: "Unserved area means a proposed funded service area, composed of one or more contiguous census blocks, where at least 90 percent of households in the proposed funded service area lack access to facilities-based, terrestrial broadband service, either fixed or mobile, at the minimum broadband transmission speed (set forth in the definition of broadband above). A household has access to broadband service if the household can readily subscribe to that service upon request."

Submitter: Boycom Cablevision Inc.

Comment: Boycom Cablevision Inc. currently offers high speed data services in it's Butler county and Wappapello systems in excess of 3 Mbps Downstream and up to 1 Mbps upstream.

Boycom Cablevision Inc. is also a borrower in the RUS Broadband loan program and currently has an upgrade project in progress, Loan # MO1102C, 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.

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Submitter: NewWave Communications

Comment: NewWave Communications serves this area with 31% market penetration. In addition, NewWave offers 100% availability for 3 MG or higher service.