

Broadband USA Applications Database

Applicant Name: GlenMartin, Inc.

Public Notice Submissions

-----**Service Area:** 23 Knox Adair

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.

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Submitter: Chariton Valley Telephone

Comment: Chariton Valley Telephone currently provides broadband access capability to 100% of the households within the area of the proposed funded serving area indicated "PFSA" challenged area. Chariton Valley Telephone is a rural ILEC that has been serving the area for some time. In the challenged PFSA they currently offer ADSL broadband and FTTH broadband data services. As of June 2009 they are serving broadband customers within this area or 18.3% of the households with Broadband. Chariton Valley Telephone offers speeds of over 3Mbps throughout this area. All of the wireline customers have 768Kbps or above access speeds in this area. Therefore by any of the definitions of the ARRA broadband program this area does not qualify as unserved and 3Mbps speeds are available throughout the challenge area.

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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.

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