

Broadband USA Applications Database

Applicant Name: GlenMartin, Inc.

Public Notice Submissions

-----**Service Area:** 17 Hayti Mississippi

Submitter: Semco Communications, Incorporated

Comment: Semco Communications, Incorporated advertises and provides high speed data service in speeds of up to 8 mbps download and 768 kbps upload in the proposed funded service area.

Submitter: Utopian Wireless Corporation

Comment: Proprietary data regarding actual service provider broadband penetration in the proposed service area for this application demonstrates the area is already served by broadband options and therefore this application is ineligible for funding pursuant to the requirements of the Broadband Initiatives Program (BIP) and Broadband Technologies Opportunities Program (BTOP).

-----**Service Area:** 17 Hayti Pemiscott

Submitter: Mediacom Communications Corporation

Comment: A large number of households in applicant's proposed service area are currently served existing broadband providers like Mediacom and Socket. Broadband speeds well in excess of the minimum broadband speeds set forth in the NOFA are currently available within the applicant's proposed service area. For its part, Mediacom advertises and provides broadband services within the proposed service area at speeds up to 20 Mbps.

Submitter: Utopian Wireless Corporation

Comment: Proprietary data regarding actual service provider broadband penetration in the proposed service area for this application demonstrates the area is already served by broadband options and

therefore this application is ineligible for funding pursuant to the requirements of the Broadband Initiatives Program (BIP) and Broadband Technologies Opportunities Program (BTOP).

Submitter: BPS Networks

Comment: BPS Networks (BPS) is an incumbent broadband provider in the Steele exchange of Pemiscot County, MO, an area covered by GlenMartin, Inc.'s Proposal 17 broadband stimulus application. The Proposed Service Area for the GlenMartin application consists of Mississippi, New Madrid, Pemiscot and Scott Counties in southeastern Missouri. BPS operates in the town of Steele in Pemiscot County (the "BPS Territory"). The BPS Territory covers approximately 78 square miles, or 3.8% of GlenMartin's Proposed Service Area. BPS is an affiliate of BPS Telephone, the incumbent local exchange carrier (ILEC) serving this area.

The BPS Territory is an area served by BPS and at least two other broadband service providers. BPS alone provides universal broadband coverage to 100% of the potential subscribers and provides broadband service (as defined by the NOFA as downstream speeds of 768 kbs or higher) to approximately 36% of those potential subscribers.

BPS has consistently and effectively advertised the availability of broadband Internet access at speeds of 3 Mbs and higher throughout the BPS Territory (advertisements attached). Color flyers promoting broadband are inserted into every monthly bill mailed to all BPS customers. The attached flyer promotes the availability of 6 Mbs broadband access. BPS has also advertised in the local media in an effort to reach out to new customers. The attached advertisement ran most recently in The Steele Enterprise four times during the month of July 2009 – on 07/09, 07/16, 07/23 and 07/30.

BPS, one of three incumbent broadband service providers in the BPS Territory, has enough broadband penetration to raise significant doubt about any description of the Proposed Service Area as "unserved" or "underserved."

Submitter: NewWave Communications

Comment: NewWave currently serves this area with 12% market penetration and 3 MG service to all. In addition, according to data compiled by the Media Business Corporation, an independent research firm, NewWave and its digital subscriber line competitors serve over 40% of homes passed in this particular market. As a result, this market is adequately serviced by NewWave and its competitors.

Submitter: Boycom Cablevision Inc.

Comment: Boycom Cablevision Inc. is a borrower in the RUS Broadband loan program and currently has an upgrade project in progress 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. Boycom Cablevision Inc. also has cable service in the Wardell and Homestown, MO in Pemiscot Co. This system is planned to be tied to our Butler County system via fiber to access high speed data.

-----**Service Area:** 17 Hayti Scott

Submitter: Semo Communications, Incorporated

Comment: Semo Communications, Incorporated advertises and provides high speed data service in speeds of up to 8 mbps download and 768 kbps upload in the proposed funded service area.

Submitter: Utopian Wireless Corporation

Comment: Proprietary data regarding actual service provider broadband penetration in the proposed service area for this application demonstrates the area is already served by broadband options and therefore this application is ineligible for funding pursuant to the requirements of the Broadband Initiatives Program (BIP) and Broadband Technologies Opportunities Program (BTOP).

Submitter: Charter Communications

Comment: Charter Communications ('Charter'), a broadband service provider, has invested capital to provide a full range of Broadband services, including High Speed Internet services, in this service area. The applicant's request in the proposed under-served and un-served service area would create an overlap in Charter's service area. Charter's response includes the necessary information to validate the overlapping condition as a result of this applicant's request.

-----**Service Area:** 17 Hayti NewMadrid

Submitter: Utopian Wireless Corporation

Comment: Proprietary data regarding actual service provider broadband penetration in the proposed service area for this application demonstrates the area is already served by broadband options and therefore this application is ineligible for funding pursuant to the requirements of the Broadband Initiatives Program (BIP) and Broadband Technologies Opportunities Program (BTOP).

Submitter: Semo Communications, Incorporated

Comment: Semo Communications, Incorporated advertises and provides high speed data service in speeds of up to 8 mbps download and 768 kbps upload in the proposed funded service area.

Submitter: BPS Networks

Comment: BPS Networks (BPS) is an incumbent broadband provider in the Parma exchange of New Madrid County, MO, an area covered by GlenMartin, Inc.'s Proposal 17 broadband stimulus application. The Proposed Service Area for GlenMartin's application consists of Mississippi, New Madrid, Pemiscot and Scott Counties in southeastern Missouri. BPS operates in the town of Parma in New Madrid County (the "BPS Territory"). The BPS Territory covers approximately 8 square miles of GlenMartin's Proposed Service Area. BPS is an affiliate of BPS Telephone, the incumbent local exchange carrier (ILEC) serving this area.

The BPS Territory is an area served by at least 4 other broadband service providers. BPS alone provides universal broadband coverage to 100% of the potential subscribers within the BPS Territory and provides broadband service (as defined by the NOFA as downstream speeds of 768 kbs or higher) to approximately 24% of those potential subscribers.

BPS has consistently and effectively advertised the availability of broadband Internet access at speeds of 3 Mbps and higher throughout the BPS Territory (advertisements attached). Color flyers promoting broadband are inserted into every monthly bill mailed to all BPS customers. The attached flyer promotes the availability of 6 Mbps broadband access. BPS has also advertised in the local media in an effort to reach out to new customers. The attached advertisement ran most recently in The Bernie Banner four times during the month of July 2009 – on 07/09, 07/16, 07/23 and 07/30.

BPS, one of at least 5 incumbent broadband service providers in the BPS Territory, has enough broadband penetration to raise significant doubt about any description of the Proposed Service Area as "unserved" or "underserved."

Submitter: NewWave Communications

Comment: NewWave currently serves this area with a 31% market penetration and 3 MG service available to all. In addition, according to data compiled by the Media Business Corporation, an

independent research firm, NewWave and its digital subscriber line competitors serve over 40% of homes passed in this particular market. As a result, this market is adequately serviced by NewWave and its competitors.

Submitter: Charter Communications

Comment: Charter Communications ('Charter'), a broadband service provider, has invested capital to provide a full range of Broadband services, including High Speed Internet services, in this service area. The applicant's request in the proposed under-served and un-served service area would create an overlap in Charter's service area. Charter's response includes the necessary information to validate the overlapping condition as a result of this applicant's request.