

Broadband USA Applications Database

Applicant Name: TurbotNet (dba of Worldwide Technologies, Inc.)

Public Notice Submissions

-----**Service Area:** TurboNet Proposed Chariton

Submitter: Windstream

Comment: Windstream's data strongly suggest that the proposed funded service area likely does not qualify as an underserved area. Windstream offers facilities-based, terrestrial broadband service (meeting the definition set forth in the Notice of Funds Availability) to some of the households in 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 underserved.

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 "underserved area" as follows: "Underserved area means a proposed funded service area, composed of one or more contiguous census blocks meeting certain criteria that measure the availability of broadband service and the level of advertised broadband speeds. These criteria conform to the two distinct components of the Broadband Infrastructure category of eligible projects- Last Mile and Middle Mile. Specifically, a proposed funded service area may qualify as underserved for last mile projects if at least one of the following factors is met, though the presumption will be that more than one factor is present: 1. No more than 50 percent of the households in the proposed funded service area have access to facilities-based, terrestrial broadband service at greater than the minimum broadband transmission speed (set forth in the definition of broadband above); 2. No fixed or mobile broadband service provider advertises broadband transmission speeds of at least three megabits per second ("mbps") downstream in the proposed funded service area; or 3. The rate of broadband subscribership for the proposed funded service area is 40 percent of households or less. A proposed funded service area may qualify as underserved for Middle Mile projects if one interconnection point

terminates in a proposed funded service area that qualifies as unserved or underserved for Last Mile projects.”

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 with future plans to add FTTH broadband data services. As of June 2009 they are serving broadband customers within this area or 65% of the households with Broadband. All of the wireline access speeds are currently above 768Kbps. Chariton Valley Telephone offers speeds of over 3Mbps throughout 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.

-----**Service Area:** TurboNet Proposed-Ray

Submitter: Green Hills Telephone Corp, dba: Green Hills Co's

Comment: • 100% of Green Hills’ service area has access to facilities based Broadband in excess of 768k down/200 up speeds.

• Green Hills’ advertises and provides multiple service speeds including an offering with 3 Meg down.

-----**Service Area:** TurboNet Proposed-Livingston

Submitter: Green Hills Telephone Corp, dba: Green Hills Co's

Comment: • 100% of Green Hills' service area has access to facilities based Broadband in excess of 768k down/200 up speeds.

- Green Hills' advertises and provides multiple service speeds including an offering with 3 Meg down.

-----**Service Area:** TurboNet Propped-Carroll

Submitter: Green Hills Telephone Corp, dba: Green Hills Co's

Comment: • 100% of Green Hills' territory served will have access to wireless Broadband up to 3 Meg down speeds by year end or no later than first quarter 2010.

-----**Service Area:** Turbonet Proposed-Pettis

Submitter: Imagination Inc dba I-Land Internet Services

Comment: Imagination Inc, dba I-Land Internet Services, respectfully requests that the services we offer and the customers we serve are considered in determining funding for this application. We offer point-to-point wireless broadband service and DSL in numerous areas throughout Missouri, including areas within this application, and are continually expanding our service areas. We have been providing broadband service for over five years and deployed WiMax service in the past year. We currently provide broadband service to well over 3,000 customers, and those customer numbers will only continue to grow significantly as we expand our service areas. We are committed to investing in our networks in order to provide broadband service to both our existing and future customers.

-----**Service Area:** TurboNet Proposed-Lafayette

Submitter: Citizens Telephone Company of Higginsville, MO

Comment: TurboNet's proposed project covers all of the exchanges served by Citizens Telephone Company of Higginsville, Mo (Citizens). Citizens currently serves all its service territory by an extensive existing fiber and copper network. These areas are currently capable of receiving high speed broadband access at speeds up to 12 mbps down. As such, these areas are "SERVED" based on the definitions as established in the Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA). In this public notice response Citizens is providing; 1) a map of the overlapping area where Citizens provides broadband services, 2) Citizens DSL high speed Internet advertising 3) the number of residential households and business establishments capable of receiving broadband services from Citizens within our service area, 4) the number of residential households and business establishments subscribing to our broadband, 5) the advertised download and upload speeds and service rates, and 6) comments addressing the existing services offered within the proposed funded service area. Citizens contends there is an error in the mapping tool database. The business polygon is listing 705 businesses, when the actual number of businesses in the serving area is by our record approximately 370.

-----**Service Area:** TurboNet Proposed-Caldwell

Submitter: Grand River Mutual Tel. / Lathrop Tel.

Comment: TurboNet's application covers part of Grand River Mutual Telephone Company / Lathrop Telephone's exchange. Grand River is capable of providing wireline broadband service to 100% of its customers throughout its territory. The majority of Grand River's customers receive service at 6.0 Mbps. Grand River's territory is neither unserved nor underserved.

Submitter: Green Hills Telephone Corp, dba: Green Hills Co's

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• Green Hills' advertises and provides multiple service speeds including an offering with 3 Meg down.

-----**Service Area:** TurboNet Propsed-Saline

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