

## Broadband USA Applications Database

**Applicant Name:** Mesa Broadband

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### Public Notice Submissions

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-----**Service Area:** Putnam, TX

**Submitter:** Windstream

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

-----**Service Area:** Robert Lee

**Submitter:** Texas Communications

**Comment:** Texas Communications provides Broadband wireless service to over 200 households and businesses in the Robert Lee, TX area and have provided service for over 5 years. All of the customers are capable of receiving transmission speeds of at least 3Mbps in either direction. Texas Communications is one of at least 2 existing Wireless Broadband providers in the Robert Lee, TX area.

-----**Service Area:** Blackwell, TX

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