

## Broadband USA Applications Database

**Applicant Name:** Northeast Michigan Council of Governments/Northern Michigan Broadband Cooperative

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### Public Notice Submissions

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**Submitter:** Custom Software Inc. dba/M-33 Access

**Comment:** Custom Software Inc. dba/M-33 Access is an ISP and CLEC (and ILEC pending FCC approval) based in Rose City Michigan currently providing telecommunications service (voice and data) to customers in seven contiguous counties in northeastern Michigan. The counties in the service area are Alcona, Arenac, Crawford, Iosco, Ogemaw, Oscoda, and Roscommon. There are a number of customers throughout the service area that are receiving high-speed broadband service. This application proposes to serve an area where we already provide DSL services and wireless high speed services that exceed NOFA requirements. To claim this area is un-served or even under-served is an error on their part. The information submitted to RUS in our BIP application did not propose to extend the current service area beyond the present footprint as did most other applicants. This applicant also wants to expand their territories at the expense of current providers effectively putting them out of business.

**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.