

Broadband USA Applications Database

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

Public Notice Submissions

-----**Service Area:** Route 40

Submitter: Allband Communications Cooperative

Comment: The applicant contends the Proposed Funded Service Area, which overlays an Allband service area, is unserved. As the incumbent service provider, and there are no competitors or the number is limited, Allband has access to sufficient information to determine whether the service area is unserved and has concluded it is not. According to Allband's analysis, over 100% of the residential households in the service area have access to broadband service, as defined in the NOFA, and are capable of being served. Of those households capable of being served, the broadband penetration rate is over 22%. Additionally, Allband advertises broadband service which is capable of speeds over 3 Mbps throughout the service area, including in the direct fliers, Web site, and newspaper articles.

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.