

Broadband USA Applications Database

Applicant Name: Piedmont Municipal Power Agency

Public Notice Submissions

-----**Service Area:** Newberry

Submitter: Comporium Communications

Comment: Piedmont Municipal Power Agency's application is not eligible to receive requested funds for the below-named service area because that portion of the proposed funded service is not "underserved," as those terms are defined in the Notice of Funds Availability issued on July 9, 2009.

As demonstrated in this response, Piedmont Municipal Power Agency's application may not be eligible for funding because, at least as to the below-described service area, there multiple interconnection points of the network within that area that is Applicant describes as qualifying as underserved. Additionally, 91% or more of the households located within that portion of the proposed funded service area already have the ability to access facilities-based terrestrial broadband service.

Submitter: Chester Telephone Company d/b/a TruVista

Comment: As demonstrated in this response, the application of the Piedmont Municipal Power Agency should not be considered for funding for the relevant service area because 91% or more of the households located within that portion of the proposed funded area already have the ability to access facilities based broadband service.

Submitter: Piedmont Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Comment: Piedmont Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (PRTC) is an incumbent broadband provider in Laurens County, SC, an area covered by Piedmont Municipal Power Agency's Newberry broadband stimulus application. The PRTC Service Territory is an area served by PRTC and at least three other broadband service providers. PRTC itself provides universal broadband coverage to 100% of the potential subscribers in its Service Territory and provides broadband service to approximately 22% of those potential subscribers. PRTC has consistently and effectively advertised the availability of broadband Internet access at speeds of 3 Mbs and higher throughout its Service Territory. The

combined penetration rate of PRTC and all other broadband providers should negate a description of the applicant's Proposed Service Area as "unserved" or "underserved."

Submitter: Comcast Cable

Comment: Attached is a summary of the Comcast Cable homes passed, subscriber and advertising information related to the service areas encompassed by this application.

Submitter: West Carolina Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Comment: PMPA's application is not eligible to receive requested funds for the below-named service area because that portion of the proposed funded service is neither "unserved" nor "underserved," as those terms are defined in the Notice of Funds Availability issued on July 9, 2009.

As demonstrated in this response, PMPA's application should not be considered to receive requested funding for the relevant service area because 91% or more of the households located within that portion of the proposed funded service area already have the ability to access facilities-based terrestrial broadband service.

As demonstrated in this response, PMPA's application may not be eligible for funding because, at least as to the below-described service area, there is not one interconnection point of the network within an area that is within an area qualifying as [unserved or underserved].