

Broadband USA Applications Database

Applicant Name: SkyRider Communications, Inc.

Public Notice Submissions

-----**Service Area:** Pollock

Submitter: Suddenlink Communications

Comment: This response conclusively demonstrates that Suddenlink and its competitors already offer robust broadband service within the mapped area of the applicant's proposed funded service area and that this mapped area is neither unserved nor underserved. Additional information is provided in the uploaded document, including (1) sample marketing material; (2) a guide on how to read the data we entered in the "Existing Broadband Subscribers" section of this response; (3) a summary of the vendor and methodology used for estimating competitive-service subscribers in the mapped area; (4) Suddenlink contact information, should one or more federal agencies have questions or require additional information; and (5) a summary of concerns with the response process and the limitations that process has placed on our ability to provide NTIA/RUS with relevant, timely data.

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Submitter: Utopian Wireless Corporation

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Submitter: Cameron Telephone Company, L.L.C.

Comment: Cameron Telephone Company has been offering high speed broadband service throughout its exchanges for nine years. The area applied for by the ARRA applicant is served with 3 Mbps service.

-----**Service Area:** Grand Lake

Submitter: LBH, L.L.C.

Comment: LBH, L.L.C. has been offering High Speed Broadband Service throughout its service area in Grand Lake for six years. The service is provided using FTTH technology.

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Submitter: CenturyLink

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Submitter: Spillway Communications

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Submitter: Trust Cable, Inc.

Comment: Trust Cable, Inc. advertises and provides high speed cable modem broadband service in Jackson, Louisiana and the surrounding area with current speeds of up to 10 mbps.

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