

Broadband USA Applications Database

Applicant Name: DigitalBridge Communications Corp.

Public Notice Submissions

-----**Service Area:** DBC Carroll, TN 3

Submitter: West Tennessee Telephone Company, Inc.

Comment: West Tennessee Telephone Company, Inc. (WTTC) is an previous RUS Traditional Telephone Borrower and for well over 60 years has served as the existing Incumbent Local Exchange Company (ILEC) for 4 exchange areas within the rural counties of Carroll and Gibson in the State of Tennessee, portions of which are proposed to be served by DigitalBridge Communications Corp. in their Broadband Stimulus application.

WTTC currently advertises and provides broadband services, at speeds up to 3 Mbps to residential and up to 10 Gbps to business subscribers within the area proposed by this applicant. In addition, broadband service, at speeds greatly in excess of the minimum broadband speed defined by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), is currently available, through the WTTC broadband network, to approximately 97% of homes and businesses within the WTTC service territory. This is shown on Connected Tennessee's Statewide Broadband Inventory Map. The area proposed to be served by the applicant contains 757 households according to the 2000 U.S. Census, of which 197 residential and business subscribers are already served by WTTC. For these reasons the applicant's request for funding to overbuild areas already served by WTTC should be denied.