

Broadband USA Applications Database

Applicant Name: Vanu Coverage Co.

Public Notice Submissions

-----**Service Area:** SE Maine

Submitter: Coastal Telco Services, Inc.

Comment: Coastal Telco Services, Inc. is the internet service providing affiliate of Lincolnville Networks, Inc. and Tidewater Telecom, Inc., the Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers serving a dozen communities in coastal Maine covered by Vanu Coverage Co.'s "Wholesale Broadband for Rural Southeastern Maine" BIP/BTOP grant application: Alna, Appleton, Bremen, Bristol, Damariscotta, Hope, Jefferson, Lincolnville, Nobleboro and Newcastle, South Bristol and Union. Within these communities, Coastal Telco Services offers high speed broadband service to 100% of homes and businesses, at speeds of up to 6 mbps downstream.

Coastal Telco Services, Inc. believes that every American home, business and public and private institution should have access to affordable high-speed broadband connections to the Internet. Coastal Telco Services, Inc. recognizes that judicious federal stimulus investment in rural broadband may well expand economic opportunities in the communities we serve and create jobs when they are most needed. Coastal Telco Services, Inc. also strongly supports the Obama Administration's goal to prioritize funding for the areas of greatest need across the nation.

The Vanu Coverage Co. Application fails to achieve the statutory goals of the BIP and BTOP programs because the areas that it proposes to serve is not unserved or underserved, and should therefore be rejected.

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: Time Warner Cable

Comment: As shown in the attached map and exhibit, TWC currently provides broadband Internet access service in the Proposed Funded Service Area. In addition, we advertise service of speeds above 3 Mbps throughout this service area. We pass over 50% of households, and either (1) have actual broadband subscribership of over 40% of the households in these census blocks or (2) the combined broadband subscribership of the wireline broadband providers (including TWC) in these census blocks is reasonably likely to exceed 40%. Therefore, that portion of the proposed funded service area that overlaps Respondent's service area reflected in this response is neither "unserved" or "underserved."