

Broadband USA Applications Database

Applicant Name: DigitalBridge Communications Corp.

Public Notice Submissions

-----**Service Area:** DBC Haywood, TN 2

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: Millington Telephone Co.

Comment: Millington Telephone Company (MTC) is an ILEC/RUS borrower (Tenn-530) that provides telecommunications and broadband services to the southwest corner of Haywood County (in addition to portions of Shelby, Tipton and Fayette counties in west TN). RUS provides loan funds for MTC to build facilities in Haywood County. These facilities provide telecommunication services and support current broadband offerings.

Today, more than 80% of establishments in the MTC serving area that overlaps the proposed funded service area of DigitalBridge Communications in Haywood County have access to facilities-based, terrestrial broadband service at greater than the minimum broadband transmission speed.

In addition, within the next 9 months, MTC will use another \$100,000 of RUS loan funds for a project that is currently underway, which will provide nearly 100% of this area with DSL services of 3 mbps or greater downstream.

MTC currently competes with 2 other service providers that offer broadband services in this area: Verizon Wireless and Comcast.

On its website, Verizon Wireless shows broadband services in this area:

<http://www.verizonwireless.com/b2c/CoverageLocatorController?requesttype=NEWREQUEST&lid=//global//plans//coverage+maps>

On its website, Comcast shows broadband services available to this area:

<http://www.comcast.com/shop/buyflow2/products.csp?SourcePage=Internet&profileid=85485456-6CF6-48AE-AFE5-2AAC7939C070&lid=2ShopHSI&lpos=Nav&>

Connected Tennessee's website clearly shows the majority of this area has DSL available:

ftp://ftp.connectedtn.org/CTPublic/Connected_Tennessee_Mapping/County_Maps/County_Broadband/Broadband_Haywood.pdf

In addition, Connected Tennessee's interactive mapping tool shows that this total area has access to Mobile Wireless Broadband and this area also has access to Comcast's Broadband services.

<http://12.180.242.34/tnbroadband/>

Clearly, more than 50 percent of the households in the proposed funded service area have access to facilities-based, terrestrial broadband services at greater than the minimum broadband transmission speed, and 100 percent of households have access to Mobile Wireless Broadband.

It is the opinion of Millington Telephone Co. that taxpayer dollars in the form of Stimulus Money would be better utilized in other areas of the country that do not already have 3 companies competing for broadband customers. Furthermore, providing loan/grant money to a BIP/BTOP borrower/grantee to help them compete with an RUS borrower would not be the most efficient use of ARRA funds.

