

Broadband USA Applications Database

Applicant Name: Utopian Wireless Corporation

Public Notice Submissions

-----**Service Area:** Dover_TN

Submitter: Peoples Telephone Company, Inc.

Comment: People's Telephone Company, Inc. (PTC) is a previous RUS Traditional Telephone Borrower, originally formed as Erin Amateur Telephone Company in 1882 and renamed as PTC in 1962, during that time PTC has served as the existing Incumbent Local Exchange Company (ILEC) for 3 exchange areas within the rural counties of Henry, Houston, Humphreys, Montgomery and Stewart in the State of Tennessee, portions of which are proposed to be served by Utopian Wireless Corporation in their ARRA Broadband Stimulus application.

PTC 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 ARRA NOFA, is currently available through the PTC broadband network to approximately 98% of homes and businesses within the PTC service territory. This is shown on Connected Tennessee's Statewide Broadband Inventory Map. The area proposed to be served by the applicant contains 3,505 households according to the 2000 U.S. Census, of which 642 residential and business subscribers are already served by PTC. For these reasons the applicant's request for funding to overbuild areas already served by PTC should be denied.