

## Broadband USA Applications Database

**Applicant Name:** DigitalBridge Communications Corp.

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### Public Notice Submissions

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**Submitter:** Qwest

**Comment:** As authorized by the BIP and BTOP Notice of Funds Availability and the Public Notice associated with the publication of BIP and BTOP broadband infrastructure project funding applications found on the BroadbandUSA.gov website, Qwest responds with broadband service data to the application of DigitalBridge Communications Corp for funding for an area represented as “underserved” that is located, in whole or in part, in Qwest’s broadband service area

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**Submitter:** Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative

**Comment:** Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (“Blackfoot”) is a rural local exchange provider, and is the incumbent provider in the service territory that is subject to this application. The proposed service area is a remote area, as defined in the Notice of Funds Availability (74 FR 33104 at 33109, July 9, 2009). As further documented below, far more than 50% of the households in the application area currently have access to broadband service, Blackfoot currently advertises broadband services with speeds exceeding 3Mbps downstream in the proposed service area, and the rate of broadband subscribership for the proposed service area exceeds 40% of the households in the area. Therefore, the proposed service area is not “underserved” as defined by the NOFA. (74 FR 33109). Accordingly, the application of Digital Bridge for funding in this service area should be denied.