

## Broadband USA Applications Database

**Applicant Name:** DigitalBridge Communications Corp.

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### Public Notice Submissions

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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 3Mbs 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.

**Submitter:** Hot Springs Telephone Company

**Comment:** Hot Springs Telephone Company demonstrates that it provides broadband service to portions of Sanders County which is encompassed in the proposed funded Service Area in the Digital Bridge Communications Corp. application and that the proposed funded Service Area is not unserved or underserved.

As demonstrated, 100% of households within Hot Springs in Hot Springs' service territory within the proposed funded Service Area are able to readily subscribe upon request to facilities-based, terrestrial broadband services with a speed of greater than 768 kbps downstream and 200 kbps upstream from Hot Springs; 100% of the households within 3 miles of Hot Springs in Hot Springs' service territory within the proposed funded Service Area have access to facilities-based, terrestrial broadband service at greater than the minimum broadband transmission speed as set forth in the definition of broadband; and the rate of broadband subscribership for the proposed funded Service Area is greater than 40 percent of households.