

Broadband USA Applications Database

Applicant Name: Vanu Coverage Co.

Public Notice Submissions

-----**Service Area:** SW Maine

Submitter: Bee Line, Inc.

Comment: Bee Line, Inc. provides broadband service of greater than 3 Mbps to the following areas identified as either unserved or underserved by Vanu Coverage Co., in the following towns: Farmington and Wilton, ME.

Submitter: Oxford County Telephone and Telegraph Company

Comment: Oxford County Telephone and Telegraph Company is the parent of Oxford Telephone Company and Oxford West Telephone Company, Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers serving a number of communities in western Maine, and Oxford County Telephone Service Company, an affiliated service company providing broadband and other services (collectively, "Oxford Networks"). Oxford Networks provides broadband services in eleven communities covered by Vanu Coverage Co.'s "Wholesale Broadband for Rural Southwestern Maine" BIP/BTOP grant application: Andover, Buckfield, Canton, Hartford, Hebron, Minot, Norway, Sumner, Turner, West Paris and Woodstock. Within these communities Oxford Networks offers high speed broadband service to an average of 95% of homes and businesses, at speeds of up to 5 mbps downstream.

Oxford Networks believes that every American home, business and public and private institution should have access to affordable high-speed broadband connections to the Internet. Oxford Networks 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. Oxford Networks 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 are not unserved or underserved, and should therefore be rejected.

