

Broadband USA Applications Database

Applicant Name: ENMR Telephone Cooperative, Inc. dba ENMR-Plateau

Public Notice Submissions

-----**Service Area:** San Jon to Tucumcari

Submitter: Qwest

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-----**Service Area:** Carlsbad to Roswell

Submitter: Penasco Valley Telephone Cooperative Inc.

Comment: Penasco Valley Telephone Cooperative Inc. is providing an upload document that shows our internet speeds along with pricing. By viewing the Carlsbad to Roswell map you will notice that our ILEC area shaded in purple is the area that is served with high speed internet service. We can currently provide ADSL2+ internet to over 90% of the households in this area. The majority of our facilities are provided with the help of RUS loans and would require additional and redundant spending to fund this project.

Submitter: Windstream

Comment: Windstream’s data strongly suggest that the proposed funded service area likely does not qualify as an underserved area. Windstream offers facilities-based, terrestrial broadband service

(meeting the definition set forth in the Notice of Funds Availability) to some of the households in the proposed funded service area, and such households can readily subscribe to Windstream's broadband service upon request. Windstream also has reason to believe that competitive broadband offerings are available in exchanges overlapping the proposed funded service area. Given this information, agency officials should further investigate existing broadband offerings within the proposed funded service area, so that officials can be sure that the area, in fact, qualifies as underserved.

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Submitter: Leaco Rural Telephone Cooperative Inc.

Comment: Leaco Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. has been offering broadband speed data service to subscribers for over 11 years. The area applied for by the ARRA applicant, which falls within the telephone exchange boundary is served completely with high speed internet broadband service.

Submitter: PVT NetWorks, Inc.

Comment: PVT NetWorks, Inc. is providing an upload document that shows our internet speeds along with pricing. By viewing the Carlsbad to Roswell map you will notice that our CLEC area shaded in purple is the area that is served with high speed internet service. We can currently provide high speed internet to over 90% of the households in this area. PVT also has an existing RUS funded fiber route that connects from Roswell to Carlsbad. PVT NetWorks, Inc. leases excess capacity from Peñasco Valley Telephone Cooperative Inc. facilities for backhaul and transport. These facilities were initially provided through RUS loans. The proposed project would require additional and redundant federal spending. Excess capacity may be leased from Peñasco Valley Telephone Cooperative Inc. as a much more financially prudent alternative to duplicate federal funding.

-----**Service Area:** Socorro to Las Cruces

Submitter: Windstream

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Submitter: Stelera Wireless, LLC

Comment: The applicant’s proposed service area does not qualify as unserved or underserved as defined by the BIP or BTOP programs. Stelera Broadband will provide broadband access to the service area with peak speeds of 9-10 mbps in the next 6 months. The town of Socorro will be served by Stelera Broadband a broadband service provider under the RUS Broadband Loan program. Stelera plans to advertise and deliver broadband transmission speeds in excess of 3 mbps downstream. Over 50% of the households in the proposed service area will soon have access to terrestrial broadband service at greater than the minimum broadband transmission speed. The area does not qualify as unserved because the number of households lacking access to broadband is less than 90% based on Stelera research.

-----**Service Area:** Las Vegas to Anchor Institutions

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-----**Service Area:** Lubbock to Amarillo

Submitter: NTS Communications Inc.

Comment: NTS Communications, Inc. is currently providing Broadband Services beginning at 8 mbps to the communities of Lubbock, Amarillo, and Plainview, TX.

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Submitter: KeyOn Communications

Comment: KeyOn Communications currently provides access at speeds of at least 768kbps downstream and at least 200kbps upstream to more than 50% of the homes in the designated area.

-----**Service Area:** Clovis to Lubbock

Submitter: Suddenlink Communications

Comment: This response conclusively demonstrates that Suddenlink and its competitors already offer robust broadband service within the mapped area of the applicant’s proposed funded service area and that this mapped area is neither unserved nor underserved. Additional information is provided in the uploaded document, including (1) sample marketing material; (2) a guide on how to read the data we entered in the “Existing Broadband Subscribers” section of this response; (3) a summary of the vendor and methodology used for estimating competitive-service subscribers in the mapped area; (4) Suddenlink contact information, should one or more federal agencies have questions or require

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