

Broadband USA Applications Database

Applicant Name: Norris Electric Cooperative

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-----**Service Area:** Norris

Submitter: Utopian Wireless Corporation

Comment: Proprietary data regarding actual service provider broadband penetration in the proposed service area for this application demonstrates the area is already served by broadband options and therefore this application is ineligible for funding pursuant to the requirements of the Broadband Initiatives Program (BIP) and Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP).

Submitter: Montrose Mutual Telephone Company, Inc.

Comment: Montrose Mutual Telephone Company, Inc. provides comments on this application regarding the underserved designation of the proposed funded area.

Submitter: Consolidated Communications

Comment: Consolidated Communications serves as a rural incumbent local exchange carrier (ILEC) in the proposed funded service area defined by this applicant. As such, 94% of the households that are within Consolidated's ILEC footprint in the proposed funded service area have access to Consolidated's facilities-based terrestrial broadband service as defined in the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). In addition to Consolidated, the proposed funded service area also has access to broadband service as defined in the NOFA through 9 other providers. Furthermore, as evidenced by the materials provided with this submission, Consolidated advertises broadband services of 3 Mbps and higher in the proposed funded service area. Finally, as described herein, Consolidated's subscribership rate for its own customers in the applicant's proposed funded service area is in excess of 40%. Therefore, the applicant's classification of this proposed serving territory as "underserved" is completely unjustified.