

Broadband USA Applications Database

Applicant Name: South Dakota Network, LLC

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-----**Service Area:** SDN Existing

Submitter: DigitalBridge Communications Corp.

Comment: DigitalBridge Communications (“DBC”) currently offers true 4G, WiMAX broadband service in the applicant’s PFSA, serving an active base of residential and business subscribers in the PFSA. Other companies also serve the PFSA - DBC actively competes with cable (MidContinent) and DSL (Qwest) broadband providers in the PFSA. DBC estimates 40% overlap of its coverage with the total PFSA based on households served.

Submitter: Midcontinent Communications

Comment: While Midcontinent Communications supports the goals of the ARRA and the need to provide service to rural states like South Dakota with limited population densities, Midcontinent has determined that it already provides broadband service to much of the area proposed to be served by this grant. Supporting information for this determination is contained elsewhere in this filing. Since its initial launch in 1995 when Midcontinent became the first company in the state to offer cable modem broadband Internet services, Midcontinent has continually upgraded services for both business and residential customers throughout its service area. Today the standard Internet speed is 15 Mbps with 25 Mbps available. By the end of 2010, Midcontinent customers will have access to speeds of 50 Mbps. The areas that this grant applicant proposes to serve are already served by Midcontinent and other providers often at speeds in excess of those proposed by the applicant. This application as proposed is not eligible for grant funding.

Submitter: Consolidated Telcom

Comment: Consolidated Telcom service territory overlaps approximately 1% of the proposed funded service area (PFSA). SDN Existing designates this area as underserved. Consolidated provides service in approximately 1% of the service area. In the overlapping area, Consolidated service advertises 3 meg service

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 South Dakota Network, LLC ENTIRE STATE OF SD for funding for an area represented as “underserved” that is located, in whole or in part, in Qwest’s broadband service area.