

Broadband USA Applications Database

Applicant Name: St Croix Services, Inc

Public Notice Submissions

-----**Service Area:** S. Croix

Submitter: CenturyLink

Comment: CenturyLink is submitting data that shows the application's proposed service area is not underserved or unserved, under program guidelines. Accordingly, the application must be denied as ineligible. With limited funding and a large pool of applications, program grants and loans must be directed only to areas that are truly underserved or unserved, as stipulated in the program guidelines.

CenturyLink can certify that its affiliates currently offer broadband service in some or all of the applicant's proposed service areas. Attached is a state map that is a representative sample of areas where the application overlaps our existing broadband deployment. CenturyLink also provides data showing broadband availability in our local telephone exchanges within the proposed service areas. We will provide additional information on request if that will further assist the agency's review.

This data is not exhaustive; the application may include other areas also currently served with broadband by other providers, which should be considered in the assessment of the application. Our data combined with that of other broadband providers would likely show further duplication and overlap of broadband services in the proposed service areas.

Submitter: Frontier Communications of St. Croix

Comment: A portion of the applicant's territory is already served by the respondent. 3MG speed or higher is available and advertised.

Submitter: Baldwin Telecom Inc.

Comment: In 100% of the BTI serving area(see map)has had high-speed internet for several years. BTI offers 1Mb to 6Mb both in packages and a stand alone product offering

Submitter: Somerset Telephone Co dba Northwest Communications

Comment: Somerset Telephone Company has been serving the rural area of Somerset in St Croix county Wisconsin for 90 years. As the incumbent local exchange carrier and by NOFA definition, Somerset Telephone Co. is neither unserved nor underserved.

100% of our service area is served with broadband meeting the definition of 768Kbps. We have 53% subscribership in our area. We offer 3 Mg in 100% of our service territory.

Due to the satisfaction of the definitions outlined in the NOFA, we feel this application should be found invalid and no ARRA funds made available to the applicant in this area.

Submitter: Spring Valley Telephone Company

Comment: Spring Valley Telephone Company ("Spring Valley") does provide 3 Mbps of Broadband downstream and 1 Mbps of upstream speeds to 100% of the customers in the Spring Valley service territory that is overlapped by the application of St Croix Services, Inc. Spring Valley has deployed fiber to the premise of all households in this territory partially funded by a USDA Rural Development Loan. This area does not meet the definition of Underserved.

Submitter: Amery Telcom, Inc. dba Northwest Communications

Comment: Amery Telcom, Inc. has been serving the rural area of Deer Park in St Croix county in Wisconsin for over 60 years. As the incumbent local exchange carrier and by NOFA definition, Amery Telcom is neither unserved nor underserved.

100% of our service area is served with broadband meeting the definition of 768Kbps. We have 52% subscribership in our area. We offer 3 Mg in 100% of our service territory.

Due to the satisfaction of the definitions outlined in the NOFA, we feel this application should be found invalid and no ARRA funds made available to the applicant in this area.