

Broadband USA Applications Database

Applicant Name: IGN-LPG Enterprises LLC

Project Title: Madison-Leon-Robertson County Texas Broadband Project

Project Type: Last Mile Non-Remote

Executive Summary

The Madison-Leon-Robertson County Texas Broadband Project seeks to open the door of opportunity to households, businesses, and community anchor institutions in a three-county area in rural southeast Texas. This underserved area includes some 12,844 households, 2655 businesses, and 818 Critical Community Facilities, Community Anchor Institutions and Public Safety Entities across approximately 1527 square miles. The Madison-Leon-Robertson County Texas Broadband Project will create the network infrastructure, market the service to subscribers, provide subscribers with free customer-premises equipment and installation, and provide discounted services to critical community facilities, community anchor institutions, and public safety entities based on bandwidth usage. The project will also include free broadband training seminars at community centers, schools, and churches within the service area. IGN-LPG Enterprises LLC supports the acceptance of broadband access and commits to exceeding the minimum requirements for interconnection and nondiscrimination established in section V.C.2.c. of the NOFA. IGN-LPG Enterprises LLC will not favor any lawful Internet applications and content over others, and will display its network's nondiscrimination and interconnection policies in a prominent location on its web page. This project will utilize WiMAX 3.65GHz technology. IGN-LPG Enterprises LLC, and its wholly owned subsidiary IguanaNet, has successfully employed brought broadband access via WI-FI to other rural communities in Texas, but due to the likely large numbers of subscribers in this project, it will utilize WiMAX here. Providing broadband access to rural communities is nothing new for IGN-LPG Enterprises LLC or its wholly owned subsidiary IguanaNet. In fact, that service has been the focus of the company's work for the past five years. Starting with good idea and a subscriber base of zero, IGN-LPG Enterprises LLC/ IguanaNet grew quickly and now has 600 subscribers. The company started with a single tower, but now owns four towers and leases three. IGN-LPG Enterprises LLC/ IguanaNet installed its own equipment in all the towers it owns and leases. Through dedication to quality, reasonable prices, and customer satisfaction, IGN-LPG Enterprises LLC/ IguanaNet has continuously and consistently improved its quality of service. The Madison-Leon-Robertson County Texas Broadband Project has an anticipated budget of \$5,061,450 and is expected to serve some 5,962 subscribers. The Madison-Leon-Robertson County Texas Broadband Project will also create jobs. Approximately 30 full-time jobs will be created as a direct result of the funding for this project. These jobs include the following: IGN-LPG Enterprises LLC/ IguanaNet 4 Cherokee Tower Contracting (tower construction contractor) 8 Tommy Hampton, dba T.H.G.C. Construction (CPE installation) 12 Computer repairs 2 Sales 4