Applicant Name: Sioux Valley Rural Television Inc. dba Sioux Valley Wireless

Public Notice Submissions

Service Area: Dell Rapids

Submitter: Alliance Communications Cooperative, Inc.

Comment: Alliance Communications Cooperative, Inc. demonstrates that it provides broadband service throughout the Baltic and Rural Garretson areas which are encompassed in the proposed funded Service Area in the Sioux Valley Rural Television Inc. dba Sioux Valley Wireless application and that the proposed funded Service Area is not unserved or underserved.

As demonstrated, xx% of households in Alliance’s service territory within the proposed funded Service Area are able to readily subscribe upon request to facilities-based, terrestrial broadband services with an advertised speed of greater than 768 kbps downstream and 200 kbps upstream from Alliance; 100% of the households in Alliance’s service territory within the proposed funded Service Area have access to facilities-based, terrestrial broadband service at greater than the minimum broadband transmission speed as set forth in the definition of broadband; Alliance advertises broadband service at broadband transmission speeds of at least 3 megabits per second downstream throughout the proposed funded Service Area; and the rate of broadband subscribership for the proposed funded Service Area is greater than 40 percent of households.

Submitter: Golden West Telecommunications

Comment: Golden West is providing information regarding the number of residential households and business establishments capable of receiving broadband in the area that the applicant's PFSA overlaps the respondent's service area. Golden West is also providing information regarding the number of existing customers purchasing broadband service in the area of overlap. Golden West’s overlapping broadband service area, at a minimum defined as 768k downstream and 200k upstream are displayed on the associated mapping tool. In the area of overlap, greater than 50% of households have access to facilities-based broadband service. In the area of overlap, greater than 40% of households subscribe to facilities-based broadband service. Golden West also advertises broadband transmission speeds of at least 3 Mbps downstream within the area of overlap. Accordingly, the area of overlap is not underserved. The number of business establishments reported is inaccurate as it includes business establishments with zip codes from the area of overlap even though the businesses are physically
located outside the area of overlap. Due to this fact, the broadband penetration may be calculated to be much lower than it actually is.