Applicant Name: Eastlight, LLC

Public Notice Submissions

Service Area: Southeast Iowa Wireless

Submitter: Cloudburst9 LLC

Comment: Cloudburst9 offers broadband services within and surrounding the following communities: Sigourney, Keota, Washington, Ainsworth, Brighton, Kalona and Riverside. Cloudburst9 offers standard broadband packages up to 1M bidirectional in all served areas.

Submitter: Mediacom Communications Corporation

Comment: A large number of households in applicant's proposed service area are currently served by Mediacom. Broadband speeds well in excess of the minimum broadband speeds set forth in the NOFA are currently available within the applicant's proposed service area. For its part, Mediacom advertises and provides broadband services within the proposed service area at speeds up to 20 Mbps.

Submitter: Partner Communications Cooperative

Comment: Partner Communications Cooperative offers three DSL broadband plans throughout our service area with downloads ranging from up to 1 Meg, up to 3 Meg and up to 5 Meg. We offer additional flexibility through our "Add a Meg" program, which allows plans with downloads up to 2 Meg and up to 4 Meg. Partner provides DSL broadband service throughout 116 square miles of Eastlight, LLC's Jasper and Poweshiek County Proposed Funded Service Area. We have 521 Residential and 40 Business broadband customers within the Eastlight, LLC's Jasper and Poweshiek PFSA.

Submitter: Van Buren Telephone Co. Inc.

Comment: The information contained in this response proves that customers within our service territory, which overlaps the applicant's proposed service area, have access to quality, facilities-based broadband service as defined by the RUS/NTIA Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA).
Submitter: Modern Cooperative Telephone Company

Comment: The information contained in this response proves that customers within our service territory, which overlaps the applicant’s proposed service area, have access to quality, facilities-based broadband service as defined by the RUS/NTIA Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA).

Submitter: Coon Creek Telephone Company

Comment: Based on the definition of underserved in the Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) regarding the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, the Iowa exchange of Marengo is not underserved and does not qualify for Broadband Stimulus funds. Coon Creek Telephone Company (Coon Creek) provides broadband to over 90% of the residences and businesses in Marengo. Data to further substantiate this response can be found in the comments section below.

Submitter: Wellman Cooperative Telephone Association

Comment: The information contained in this response proves that customers within our service territory, which overlaps the applicant’s proposed service area, have access to quality, facilities-based broadband service as defined by the RUS/NTIA Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA).

Submitter: Citizens Mutual Telephone Cooperative

Comment: Citizens Mutual Telephone provides broadband service in excess of 3mb to 100% of our service area which covers most of Davis County, Iowa. Nearly half of our customer base has FTTH and the rest are served by short copper lines. There are no underserved customers in this service area.

Submitter: Mutual Telephone Company of Morning Sun

Comment: The information contained in this response proves that customers within our service territory, which overlaps the applicant’s proposed service area, have access to quality, facilities-based broadband service as defined by the RUS/NTIA Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA).

Submitter: Iowa Telecom

Comment: Applicant proposes to provide wireless last-mile facilities in 12 counties in southeast Iowa. Iowa Telecom serves 47 exchanges in the proposed service area as the incumbent local exchange carrier. Iowa Telecom offers 1.5 mbps broadband service to approximately 80% of all households in
these exchanges and offers 3 to 15 mbps broadband service in 12 of these exchanges. In addition, Qwest, Mediacom and numerous small rural incumbent LECs, rural CLECs and rural CATV companies provide comparable services in each of their certificated areas. Each of these entities already has built or leased middle-mile facilities. Based on the variety of broadband services already available in this county, Iowa Telecom asks that this application be rejected.

Submitter: South Slope Cooperative Telephone Company

Comment: South Slope Cooperative Telephone Company (South Slope) demonstrates that it provides broadband service throughout the entire area encompassed in the proposed funded Service Area in the Eastlight, LLC application; that no interconnection point identified in the proposed project and no part of the proposed project terminates in a proposed funded Service Area that qualifies as unserved or underserved for Last Mile projects; and all of the Last Mile areas to be served identified in the application are served with broadband service by South Slope. Further, South Slope demonstrates that in addition to providing its own last mile broadband services, South Slope has middle mile broadband facilities providing sufficient capacity to support the provision of broadband service to end users.

As demonstrated, 100% of households in the proposed funded Service Area, including the identified interconnection points, are able to readily subscribe upon request to facilities-based, terrestrial broadband services at a minimum transmission speed of greater than 768 kbps downstream and 200 kbps upstream from South Slope; 100% of the households in the proposed funded Service Area, including the identified interconnection points, have access to facilities-based, terrestrial broadband service at greater than the minimum broadband transmission speed as set forth in the definition of broadband; South Slope advertises broadband service at broadband transmission speeds of at least 3 megabits per second downstream throughout the proposed funded Service Area, including the identified interconnection points; and the rate of broadband subscribership for the proposed funded Service Area, including the identified interconnection points, is greater than 40 percent of households.

Submitter: Cooperative Telephone Company

Comment: The information contained in this response proves that customers within our service territory, which overlaps the applicant’s proposed service area, have access to quality, facilities-based broadband service as defined by the RUS/NTIA Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA).

Submitter: Sully Telephone Association
Comment: The information contained in this response proves that customers within our service territory, which overlaps the applicant’s proposed service area, have access to quality, facilities-based broadband service as defined by the RUS/NTIA Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA).

Submitter: Louisa Communications

Comment: The information contained in this response proves that customers within our service territory, which overlaps the applicant’s proposed service area, have access to quality, facilities-based broadband service as defined by the RUS/NTIA Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA).