Applicant Name:  KeyOn Communications, Inc.

Public Notice Submissions

-----Service Area:  Nevada

Submitter:  Moapa Valley Telephone

Comment:  Applicant is applying for funds for an area that is neither unservered or underserved. This application should be denied.

Submitter:  Charter Communications

Comment:  Charter Communications (‘Charter’), a broadband service provider, has invested capital to provide a full range of Broadband services, including High Speed Internet services, in this service area. The applicant’s request in the proposed under-served service area would create an overlap in Charter’s service area. Charter’s response includes the necessary information to validate the overlapping condition as a result of this applicant’s request.

Submitter:  Lincoln County Telephone System, Inc.

Comment:  LCTS is the incumbent terrestrial service provider fully overlapping the Alamo, Caliente and Pioche service areas of the applicant. LCTS contends that the service areas are not "Underserved" as defined and that all required thresholds have been met. Furthermore, LCTS has utilized and continues to draw upon a RUS Broadband loan in deploying its FTTH platform to accommodate the robust levels of broadband connectivity that will be required in the future.

Submitter:  Wirelessbeehive.com LLC

Comment:  This area is current not underserved. Wirelessbeehive.com serves this area with high speed internet.

Submitter:  Rio Virgin Telephone & Cablevision dba Reliance Co
Comment: Rio Virgin provides broadband service in 100% of the proposed funded service area that overlaps our Nevada customer base. Broadband is available with a minimum 3 Mbps download speed to 100% of our customer base.

Submitter: Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nevada

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

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: CC Communications

Comment: The applicant has erroneously classified the Fallon, NV service area as underserved. In addition to CC Communications offering service with download speeds of at least 3mbps, the local cable franchisee advertises speeds of at least 3mbps. Moreover, there are two more service providers advertising wireless and DSL broadband in the subject service area. While CC Communications does not provide service in the Fernley/Lyon County portion of the attached map, at least two providers offer broadband in that area. This response will provide a recent add from CC Communications, facts about its
coverage area and market share, as well as reference to the three other broadband competitors in the market without the benefit of tax dollars.