Applicant Name: Xanadoo Broadband, LLC

Public Notice Submissions

--- Service Area: Proposed Funded Service Area

Submitter: Wamego Telecommunications Co, Inc.

Comment: Wamego Telecommunications Company, Inc., provides Broadband service speeds up to 3.0Mb/s to all households and businesses within our local exchange area of service as shown on our service area map. This area is NOT an "underserved" area as defined by the federal government.

Submitter: Sunflower Broadband

Comment: Sunflower Broadband is commenting to the stimulus application of Xanadoo Broadband, LLC for the proposed funded service area identified in the application as “Proposed Funded Service Area”. Within the proposed service area, Sunflower Broadband provides broadband services that meet and exceed the speeds defined in the NOFA. Sunflower Broadband’s full facilities-based broadband service is provided through an HFC network. The current functionality and future capability exceeds the technology proposed by Xanadoo Broadband, LLC. Sunflower Broadband is also providing wireless service in portions of the proposed service area of "Proposed Funded Service Area. Because the wireless product has been available for 4 years, Sunflower Broadband has experience with the topographic challenges as there are areas where terrain is not conducive to a wireless option and in our experience at least 50% of homes in the area cannot be reached with a wireless option. In addition to Sunflower Broadband, there are at least two other existing wireless Internet options in the proposed service area.

Submitter: Cox Communications Inc

Comment: Cox Communications, Inc. (Cox) is a broadband communications and entertainment company, providing advanced digital video, Internet, telephone and wireless services over its nationwide IP network. The third-largest U.S. cable TV company, Cox serves over 6.2 million residences and businesses.
Cox operates in hundreds of communities in 18 states and has invested over $16 billion in private capital in its network over the least ten years. Cox provides its customers in Kansas with 21st century infrastructure that provides advanced broadband, video and telephone services. More than 99.5 percent of the households in our service areas have access to Cox high-speed Internet, at some of the fastest broadband speeds available in the nation.

Cox supports the goals of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to extend broadband to parts of the country that are unserved or underserved. We appreciate the efforts of the Rural Utilities Service and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration in making sure that the limited amount of broadband stimulus funding available under the ARRA is targeted toward those consumers in greatest need, rather than to areas that already have access to broadband service.

To assist your agencies in ensuring that ARRA funds are directed to truly unserved and underserved areas, Cox is providing supplemental information that demonstrates, for the above-referenced application, the following: the location of Cox’s broadband infrastructure; broadband service levels provided; number of customers served; pricing for each service tier; and marketing materials which demonstrate service availability. Consistent with the statutory requirement to expend funds only for projects in eligible areas, we trust that your agencies will use this information -- along with information from other broadband providers -- to obtain a clear picture of service availability in the area covered by the application. We encourage the use of independent due diligence to determine the extent of other broadband service offerings in the proposed funded service area covered by this submission, if other providers fail to submit information prior to the submission deadline.

We request that this data be treated as confidential and proprietary. Much of the information provided with this letter constitutes trade secrets or commercial information that is privileged and confidential and therefore exempt from public disclosure under 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4). Cox does not disclose this information to the public, and release of this information could cause competitive harm, by enabling other broadband providers to tailor their business strategies to unfairly compete with Cox.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this information. We trust that it will be helpful in your analysis, and will inform your final decision concerning the application.

Submitter: sci cable
Comment: Service area is Broadband HFC with Video, High Speed Data, VOIP (VOIP Launch 12-1-09)

Submitter: Mercury Wireless, LLC

Comment: Mercury Wireless currently provides up to 3 mbps wireless Internet access to sections of the applicant's proposed service area.

-----Service Area: Douglas County, KS

Submitter: sci cable

Comment: Service area is HFC with Video, High Speed Data, VOIP (VOIP launch date is 12-1-09)