

## Broadband USA Applications Database

**Applicant Name:** Kennebec Communications LLC

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### Public Notice Submissions

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-----**Service Area:** KTC Wireless

**Submitter:** RC Technologies

**Comment:** As illustrated on the map below, the proposed funded service area of the applicant, KTC Wireless, proposes to serve an area currently served by RC Technologies (RCT). Within the 2541 square mile area of overlap, RCT has the capability to offer either DSL or 2.5GHz BRS/EBS broadband service with speeds of up to 2 Mbps down and 1 Mbps up.

**Submitter:** DigitalBridge Communications Corp

**Comment:** DigitalBridge Communications ("DBC") currently offers true 4G, WiMAX broadband service in the applicant's PFSA, serving an active base of residential and business subscribers in the PFSA. Other companies also serve the PFSA - DBC actively competes with cable (MidContinent) and DSL (Qwest) broadband providers in the PFSA. DBC estimates 90% overlap of its coverage with the PFSA based on households served.

**Submitter:** West River Telecommunications Cooperative

**Comment:** West River Telecommunications Cooperative (WRT) 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. WRT is also providing information regarding the number of existing customers purchasing broadband service in the area of overlap. In the area of overlap, greater than 50% of households have access to facilities-based broadband service and the rate of broadband subscribership for residential households and business establishments is nearly 40%. Midco Cable TV also provides broadband service in this area. Their customer numbers plus ours would bring the penetration percentage to greater than 50%. WRT also advertises broadband transmission speeds of at least 3 Mbps downstream within the area of overlap.

**Submitter:** Valley Telephone Company

**Comment:** The applicant incorrectly claims the area served by our company as unserved. 100% of the establishments in our serving territory have access to facilities-based, terrestrial 3Mb plus internet. The rate of broadband subscribership is 48.7%. Moreover, the area is served by 1 other provider utilizing licensed wireless spectrum. This does not include cellular or satellite offerings.

**Submitter:** Midcontinent Communications

**Comment:** While Midcontinent Communications supports the goals of the ARRA and the need to provide service to rural states like South Dakota with limited population densities, Midcontinent has determined that it already provides broadband service to much of the area proposed to be served by this grant. Supporting information for this determination is contained elsewhere in this filing. Since its initial launch in 1995 when Midcontinent became the first company in the state to offer cable modem broadband Internet services, Midcontinent has continually upgraded services for both business and residential customers throughout its service area. Those services are delivered over a very high capacity 16 Gb middle mile network that provides services to Midcontinent's residential and business customers as well as capacity for those large data customers that need customized services. Today the standard Internet speed is 15 Mbps with 25 Mbps available. By the end of 2010, Midcontinent customers will have access to speeds of 50 Mbps. Much of the area that this grant applicant proposes to serve is already served by Midcontinent and other providers. This application as proposed is not eligible for grant funding.

**Submitter:** Consolidated Telcom

**Comment:** Consolidated Telcom service territory overlaps approximately 0.1% of the KTC Wireless proposed funded service area (PFSA) in South Dakota. KTC designates this area as Unserved and underserved. In the overlapping area, Consolidated service advertises 4 meg service and provides service some of the overlap.

**Submitter:** Qwest

**Comment:** As authorized by the BIP and BTOP Notice of Funds Availability and the Public Notice associated with the publication of BIP and BTOP broadband infrastructure project funding applications found on the BroadbandUSA.gov website, Qwest responds with broadband service data to the application of Kennebec Communications LLC ENTIRE STATE OF SD for funding for an area represented as "unserved" that is located, in whole or in part, in Qwest's broadband service area.