Broadband USA Applications Database

Applicant Name: Long Lines Wireless, LLC

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-----Service Area: NW Iowa Broadband Project

Submitter: Walnut Telephone Company, Inc. dba/Walnut Communic

Comment: Walnut Telephone Company, Inc. dba/Walnut Communications is a 95 year old telecommunications company that has provided broadband to its customers for 11 years at speeds of up to 5MB or higher. Broadband is transmitted via twisted pair copper, COAX, fiber-to-the-home, and wireless.

Submitter: Marne & Elk Horn Telephone Company

Comment: Marne & Elk Horn Telephone Company 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. Marne & Elk Horn Telephone Company is also providing information regarding the number of existing customers purchasing broadband service in the area of overlap. In the area of overlap, 99% of households have access to facilities-based broadband service and the rate of broadband subscribership is 58%.

Submitter: HTC 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).

Submitter: Mutual Telephone Co. d/b/a Premier Communications

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

Comment: Long Lines overlaps all of TCA’s service area.

Submitter: Northwest Telephone Cooperative 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: Iowa Telecom

Comment: Applicant proposes to provide wireless last-mile facilities in multiple counties in northwestern Iowa. Iowa Telecom serves 52 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 29 of these exchanges. In addition, Qwest, Mediacom, several 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 these counties, Iowa Telecom asks that this application be rejected.

Submitter: Spencer Municipal Utilities

Comment: Spencer Municipal Communications Utility (“Spencer”) demonstrates herein that it provides broadband service throughout its entire service area located in Clay County, Iowa, which is included in the proposed funded Service Area of the Long Lines Wireless, Inc. (“Long Lines”) broadband infrastructure application. Spencer’s service area is not unserved or underserved.

As demonstrated, 99% of households in Spencer’s service area 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 Spencer; 99% of the households in Spencer’s 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; Spencer advertises broadband service at broadband transmission speeds of at least 3 megabits per second downstream throughout its service area; and the rate of broadband subscribership in Spencer’s service area is greater than 40 percent of households.

Submitter: WesTel Systems

Comment: WesTel Systems demonstrates that it provides broadband service throughout the Marcus, Quimby, Sutherland, Alton, Anita and Remsen areas which are encompassed in the proposed funded Service Area in the Long Lines Wireless LLC application and that the proposed funded Service Area is not unserved or underserved.

As demonstrated, 100% of households in WesTel’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 WesTel; 100% of the households in WesTel’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; WesTel 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: Sac County Mutual Telephone Company

Comment: We are responding to this application to make it known that we do have the ability to supply all of our customers within this application area with 3 meg Broadband. The customer base that we have are not using the faster speeds of broadband we have. We currently have DSL download speeds/upload speeds of 512/512, 1024/512, 1536/512, 3072/512. We currently have 5 customers with the 3 meg service. The majority of our customers with high speed internet are currently using our 512 speed (90%), with a few others using 1024 (6%), 1536 (3%) and 3072 (1%).

Submitter: Northern Iowa Tel. Co. dba Premier Communications
Comment: The information contained in this response supports the fact that customers within our service territory, which overlaps portions of the applicant’s proposed service area, have access to high quality, facilities-based broadband service as defined by the RUS/NTIA Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA).

Submitter: Palmer Mutual 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: Royal 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: River Valley Telecommunications Coop.

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: ATC Cablevision

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: Communications 1 Network, Inc.

Comment: Communications 1 Network, Inc. has completed a Fiber to the Home (FTTH) buildout throughout all three of exchanges that we provide services to. The exchanges are Kanawha, IA, Klemme, IA. and Corwith, IA.

Submitter: Lehigh Valley Coop Telephone Assn.
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: Terril 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: Farmers Mutual Cooperative Telephone Co.

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

Submitter: Northwest 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).

Submitter: Peoples Telephone Company

Comment: Peoples Telephone Company serves the rural community and surrounding areas of Aurelia, in Cherokee County, Iowa. Peoples Telephone is the incumbent local exchange carrier and by the NOFA definition of broadband is neither unserved nor underserved. Due to the satisfaction of these definitions, no ARRA funds should be awarded to the applicant in this area.

Submitter: Evertek, Inc.

Comment: Evertek provides Broadband Internet to the service area indicated and has been a provider within this territory for the past 10 years. We have continued success with the packages and bundling that we offer and are able to meet the demands of our customer base by providing a feature rich and redundant system.
Submitter: Heartland Telecommunications Company of Iowa dba HickoryTech ("Heartland") is the incumbent local exchange company in the exchanges of Boyden, Doon, Hawarden, Hull, Ireton and Rock Rapids, all of which are located within Applicant's proposed service area. Digital subscriber line service is widely available in these exchanges. Heartland has a take rate of over 25% of those to whom dsl is available. Those who do subscribe choose broadband-level speeds by 46%.

Submitter: Premier Communications

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

Submitter: Ayrshire Farmers Mutual Telephone

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: Webb-Dickens Tel. Corp dba Premier Communications

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