Broadband USA Applications Database

Applicant Name: FUSE

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-----Service Area: Illinois

Submitter: Wisper ISP Inc.

Comment: We are a High Speed Wireless company that has been serving the mapped area for 6+ years with great success. We advertise packages ranging from 1Mbps to 5Mbps in every town we service. We also do custom links up to Gigabit speeds which have been done successfully for several businesses. We have a network of over 130 towers ranging in height from 30 ft to 1,500 ft in our coverage areas and this number is ever growing. We work with many city governments and have provided private wireless links for several city Police, Fire, water and park departments. When considering the numbers we have submitted please remember that the overall percentages of coverage will look low because our network covers metro as well as rural towns. In Metro areas we are a small competitor with the major telco and cable providers. We also have several wireless competitors in the rural areas including Celerity Wireless, Tin Cans, HTC to name a few. Our Customer statistics show 10 to 65% subscription rate with Wisper ISP alone in these rural areas. They also show that over 85% of rural homes in these areas have access to our towers as well as the towers of our competitors. As our tower numbers grow and technology gets better our converge area expands dramatically. We therefore submit that our area is not Unserved and/or Underserved. Wisper ISP Inc. has already been providing high speed wireless internet to the rural communities of our area with a 6+ year track record of success. Wisper has 21 dedicated employees and their families providing service to 3,500+ customers. The Federal money would be better used in other areas that are truly unserved/underserved.