Applicant Name: Accipiter Communications Inc. d/b/a Zona Communications

Service Area: Wittmann-Skull Valley Corridor

Submitter: CommSpeed, LLC
Comment: CommSpeed is a Wireless ISP and has been using BRS\EBS spectrum to deliver broadband services into Accipiter Communications Inc proposed funded service area.

Submitter: TableTop Telephone Company
Comment: Table Top Telephone Company, Inc. supports Accipiter’s application IF it neither directly or indirectly provides broadband services within the Aguila Exchange, or otherwise allow others to use its plant and/or equipment to do so. HOWEVER, if any or all of the foregoing is permitted, encouraged, or otherwise provides broadband services with Table Top’s Aguila Exchange, then the Company believes the application for Broadband Stimulus Funding should be denied, for Table Top has existing RUS funding to provide high speed broadband services.

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 Accipiter Whitman-Skull for funding for an area represented as “underserved” that is located, in whole or in part, in Qwest’s broadband service area.

Submitter: Cox Communications
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 Arizona 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.
-----Service Area:  Tonopah

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 ____ (Name of applicant and service area) _______ for funding for an area represented as “underserved” that is located, in whole or in part, in Qwest’s broadband service area.