Applicant Name:  Rural Communities United

Service Area:  Utah

Submitter:  South Central Utah Telephone Association

Comment:  South Central Utah Telephone Association ("SCUTA") is a not for profit corporation that provides local telephone exchange, broadband, long distance, cable television and wireless PCS service in portions of Beaver, Garfield, Iron, Kane, Piute, Sevier, Washington and Wayne counties in south central Utah. In Arizona, SCUTA provides these services in the northern portion of Coconino and Mohave counties, north of the Grand Canyon. The Applicant's characterization of Washington county, Utah as being underserved is entirely without merit. In 2007, we engaged an independent market research firm to determine, among other things, broadband adoption rates in the St. George, Utah BTA, which includes all of Beaver, Garfield, Iron, Kane and Washington counties. It was determined with a 95% Confidence Level and a Confidence Interval of +/- 5% that Broadband adoption in the St. George BTA was 56%. Clearly the area is not underserved.

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 Rural communities United - Utah for funding for an area represented as “underserved” that is located, in whole or in part, in Qwest’s broadband service area.