Applicant Name: AzulStar Inc

Public Notice Submissions

Service Area: San Juan County

Submitter: Stelera Wireless, LLC

Comment: The applicant’s proposed service area does not qualify as unserved or underserved as defined by the BIP or BTOP programs. Stelera Broadband will provide broadband access to the service area with peak speeds of 9-10 mbps in the next 6 months. The proposed service area will be served by Stelera Broadband a broadband service provider under the RUS Broadband Loan program. Stelera plans to advertise and deliver broadband transmission speeds in excess of 3 mbps downstream. Over 50% of the households in the proposed service area will soon have access to terrestrial broadband service at greater than the minimum broadband transmission speed. The area does not qualify as unserved because the number of households lacking access to broadband is less than 90% based on Stelera research.

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 AzulStar Inc for San Juan County funding for an area represented as “unserved” that is located, in whole or in part, in Qwest’s broadband service area.

Service Area: Valencia County

Submitter: Stelera Wireless, LLC

Comment: The applicant’s proposed service area does not qualify as unserved or underserved as defined by the BIP or BTOP programs. Stelera Broadband will provide broadband access to the service area with peak speeds of 9-10 mbps in the next 6 months. The proposed service area will be served by
Stelera Broadband a broadband service provider under the RUS Broadband Loan program. Stelera plans to advertise and deliver broadband transmission speeds in excess of 3 mbps downstream. Over 50% of the households in the proposed service area will soon have access to terrestrial broadband service at greater than the minimum broadband transmission speed. The area does not qualify as unserved because the number of households lacking access to broadband is less than 90% based on Stelera research.

-----Service Area: Eddy County

Submitter: Penasco Valley Telephone Cooperative Inc.

Comment: Penasco Valley Telephone Cooperative Inc. is providing an upload document that shows our internet speeds along with pricing. By viewing the Eddy County map you will notice that our ILEC area shaded in purple is the area that is served with high speed internet service. We can currently provide ADSL2+ internet to over 90% of the households in this area. The majority of our facilities are provided with the help of RUS loans and would require additional and redundant spending to fund this project.

Submitter: Stelera Wireless, LLC

Comment: The applicant’s proposed service area does not qualify as unserved or underserved as defined by the BIP or BTOP programs. Stelera Broadband will provide broadband access to the service area with peak speeds of 9-10 mbps in the next 6 months. The town of Artesia will be served by Stelera Broadband a broadband service provider under the RUS Broadband Loan program. Stelera plans to advertise and deliver broadband transmission speeds in excess of 3 mbps downstream. Over 50% of the households in the proposed service area will soon have access to terrestrial broadband service at greater than the minimum broadband transmission speed. The area does not qualify as unserved because the number of households lacking access to broadband is less than 90% based on Stelera research.

Submitter: US Cabl of Coastal-Texas, L.P.

Comment: US Cable of Coastal-Texas, L.P. provides high speed broadband internet service in communities that are within the applicant’s proposed service area.
Submitter: PVT NetWorks, Inc.

Comment: PVT NetWorks, Inc. serves the majority of the Eddy county map that has been overlapped by AzulStar Inc. We are currently offering high speed internet with 700 MHz service and also with cable modem service. PVT NetWorks, Inc. is offering packages up to 3.0 Mbps. PVT NetWorks, Inc. leases excess capacity from Peñasco Valley Telephone Cooperative Inc. facilities for backhaul and transport. These facilities were initially provided through RUS loans. The proposed project would require additional and redundant federal spending. Excess capacity may be leased from Peñasco Valley Telephone Cooperative Inc. as a much more financially prudent alternative to duplicate federal funding.

-----Service Area: Santa Fe County

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 AzulStar Inc Sante Fe 1 for funding for an area represented as “underserved” that is located, in whole or in part, in Qwest’s broadband service area.

-----Service Area: Dona Ana County

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 AzulStar Inc., Dona Ana County funding for an area represented as “underserved” that is located, in whole or in part, in Qwest’s broadband service area.

-----Service Area: Sandoval County
Submitter: Cable One, Inc.

Comment: Cable One, Inc. is a multi-system broadband provider operating in 19 states. Cable One offers residential broadband service with speeds up to 10 MB and customizable commercial solutions with flexible bandwidth offerings from 5Mbps to 1 Gbps. By November 1, 2009, the majority of Cable One systems will also be offering 12 Mb residential broadband service with a 20 MB boost. Cable One provides its subscribers with quality service offerings at competitive rates. Cable One expends substantial capital and resources to ensure that customers enjoy the latest technology and the highest standards of customer service, and has made its customers and its communities its first priority.

Please refer to our supporting documentation and comments that establish that Cable One already operates in census tract(s) encompassing or included in Applicant’s Proposed Funded Service Area. The uploaded document includes maps showing census tracts and homes passed for each the applicable systems, current advertisements for residential and commercial broadband offerings, and subscriber data by census tract.

Cable one’s current broadband service offerings are as follows:

Residential:

Economy, Speed (Down/up) - 1.5 Mb/150 kbps, Service Rate - $20.00
Standard, Speed (Down/up) - 5 Mb/500 kbps, Service Rate - $43.00
Premium, Speed (Down/up) - 10 Mb/1 Mb, Service Rate - $53.00

Commercial:

Economy, Speed (Down/up) - 5 Mb/1.0 Mb, Service Rate - $69.65
Standard, Speed (Down/up) - 10.0 Mb/1.0 Mb, Service Rate - $85.95
Premium, Speed (Down/up) - 12.0 Mb/1.5 Mb, Service Rate - $99.95
Ultra, Speed (Down/up) - 15.0 Mb/2.0 Mb, Service Rate - $199.95
Enterprise Plus, Speed (Down/up) - 20.0 Mb/2.5 Mb, Service Rate - $299.95
Discounted bundles and promotional pricing are also available.

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 AzulStar Inc Sandoval County for funding for an area represented as “unserved” that is located, in whole or in part, in Qwest’s broadband service area.

-----Service Area: Curry County

Submitter: Yucca Telecommunications, Inc.

Comment: Yucca Telecommunications provides data services utilizing DSL and Fiber-to-the-Premise technology to the towns of Melrose and Texico in Curry County with services of up to 6 Mbps/2 Mbps (down/up) by applying for the "High Speed" service package. Based on subscriber and service information provided, the Yucca service area does not meet the definition of "unserved", as indicated by the proposed applicant. Yucca is a wholly owned subsidiary of Roosevelt County Rural Telephone Cooperative, which is the incumbent telephone provider of Melrose and Texico, and is a current RUS borrower.

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 AzulStar Inc, Curry County for funding for an area represented as “underserved” that is located, in whole or in part, in Qwest’s broadband service area.
-----Service Area: Chaves County

Submitter: Penasco Valley Telephone Cooperative Inc.

Comment: Penasco Valley Telephone Cooperative Inc. is providing an upload document that shows our internet speeds along with pricing. By viewing the Chaves County map you will notice that our ILEC area shaded in purple is the area that is served with high speed internet service. We can currently provide ADSL2+ internet to over 90% of the households in this area. The majority of our facilities are provided with the help of RUS loans and would require additional and redundant spending to fund this project.

Submitter: Cable One, Inc.

Comment: Cable One, Inc. is a multi-system broadband provider operating in 19 states. Cable One offers residential broadband service with speeds up to 10 MB and customizable commercial solutions with flexible bandwidth offerings from 5Mbps to 1 Gbps. By November 1, 2009, the majority of Cable One systems will also be offering 12 Mb residential broadband service with a 20 MB boost. Cable One provides its subscribers with quality service offerings at competitive rates. Cable One expends substantial capital and resources to ensure that customers enjoy the latest technology and the highest standards of customer service, and has made its customers and its communities its first priority.

Please refer to our supporting documentation and comments that establish that Cable One already operates in census tract(s) encompassing or included in Applicant’s Proposed Funded Service Area. The uploaded document includes maps showing census tracts and homes passed for each the applicable systems, current advertisements for residential and commercial broadband offerings, and subscriber data by census tract.

Cable one’s current broadband service offerings are as follows:

Residential:

Economy, Speed (Down/up) - 1.5 Mb/150 kbps, Service Rate - $20.00
Standard, Speed (Down/up) - 5 Mb/500 kbps, Service Rate - $43.00
Premium, Speed (Down/up) - 10 Mb/1 Mb, Service Rate - $53.00
Commercial:

Economy, Speed (Down/up) - 5 Mb/1.0 Mb, Service Rate - $69.65
Standard, Speed (Down/up) - 10.0 Mb/1.0 Mb, Service Rate - $85.95
Premium, Speed (Down/up) - 12.0 Mb/1.5 Mb, Service Rate - $99.95
Ultra, Speed (Down/up) - 15.0 Mb/2.0 Mb, Service Rate - $199.95
Enterprise Plus, Speed (Down/up) - 20.0 Mb/2.5 Mb, Service Rate - $299.95

Discounted bundles and promotional pricing are also available.

Submitter: Leaco Rural Telephone Cooperative Inc.
Comment: Leaco Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. has been offering broadband speed data service to subscribers for over 11 years. The area applied for by the ARRA applicant, which falls within the telephone exchange boundary is served completely with high speed internet broadband service.

Submitter: PVT NetWorks, Inc.
Comment: PVT NetWorks, Inc. serves the Chaves county map that has been overlapped by AzulStar Inc. We are currently offering high speed internet with 700 MHz service and also with cable modem service. PVT NetWorks, Inc. is offering packages up to 3.0 Mbps. PVT NetWorks, Inc. leases excess capacity from Peñasco Valley Telephone Cooperative Inc. facilities for backhaul and transport. These facilities were initially provided through RUS loans. The proposed project would require additional and redundant federal spending. Excess capacity may be leased from Peñasco Valley Telephone Cooperative Inc. as a much more financially prudent alternative to duplicate federal funding.

-----Service Area: Luna County

Submitter: Stelera Wireless, LLC
Comment: The applicant’s proposed service area does not qualify as unserved or underserved as defined by the BIP or BTOP programs. Stelera Broadband will provide broadband access to the service area with peak speeds of 9-10 mbps in the next 6 months. The town of Deming will be served by Stelera Broadband a broadband service provider under the RUS Broadband Loan program. Stelera plans to advertise and deliver broadband transmission speeds in excess of 3 mbps downstream. Over 50% of the households in the proposed service area will soon have access to terrestrial broadband service at greater than the minimum broadband transmission speed. The area does not qualify as unserved because the number of households lacking access to broadband is less than 90% based on Stelera research.

-----Service Area: Lincoln County

Submitter: Baja Broadband Operating Company, LLC

Comment: Baja Broadband provides cable modem service in Lincoln County including Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs, and Capitan at speeds up to 10 Mbps. Other broadband providers include Windstream, which advertises speeds up to 12 Mbps.

Submitter: Tularosa Basin Telephone Company

Comment: The Respondent has made major capital expenditures to enable the delivery of broadband services throughout its service area. Within the Applicant’s proposed funded Service Area the Respondent is capable of providing broadband services to 100% of its customers and advertises that capability. 99% of Respondent’s customers are capable of receiving downloads speeds of at least 1.5 Mbps and 97% are capable of receiving download speeds of at least 6.0 Mbps.

-----Service Area: Lea County

Submitter: US Cable of Coastal-Texas, L.P.
**Comment:** US Cable of Coastal-Texas, L.P. provides high speed broadband internet service in communities that are within the applicant's proposed service area.

**Submitter:** Stelera Wireless, LLC

**Comment:** The applicant’s proposed service area does not qualify as unserved or underserved as defined by the BIP or BTOP programs. Stelera Broadband provides broadband access to the service area with peak speeds of 9-10 mbps. The proposed service area is served by Stelera Broadband a broadband service provider which advertises and delivers broadband transmission speeds in excess of 3 mbps downstream. Over 50% of the households in the proposed service area have access to terrestrial broadband service at greater than the minimum broadband transmission speed.

**Submitter:** Utopian Wireless Corporation

**Comment:** Proprietary data regarding actual service provider broadband penetration in the proposed service area for this application demonstrates the area is already served by broadband options and therefore this application is ineligible for funding pursuant to the requirements of the Broadband Initiatives Program (BIP) and Broadband Technologies Opportunities Program (BTOP).

**Submitter:** Leaco Rural Telephone Cooperative Inc.

**Comment:** Leaco Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. has been offering broadband speed data service to subscribers for over 11 years. The area applied for by the ARRA applicant, which falls within the telephone exchange boundary is served completely with high speed internet broadband service.

**Submitter:** PVT NetWorks, Inc.

**Comment:** PVT NetWorks, Inc. serves the majority of the Lea county map that has been overlapped by AzulStar Inc. We are currently offering high speed internet with 700 MHz service. PVT NetWorks, Inc. is offering packages up to 3.0 Mbps.

-----Service Area: Los Alamos County
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 AzulStar Inc LosAlamos for funding for an area represented as “underserved” that is located, in whole or in part, in Qwest’s broadband service area.

-----Service Area: Otero County

Submitter: Baja Broadband Operating Company LLC

Comment: Baja Broadband provides cable modem service in Otero County including Alamogordo, Holloman Air Force Base, La Luz, Tularosa and Boles Acres at speeds up to 10 Mbps. Other high-speed providers in the service area include Qwest and Tularosa Basin Telephone Company, which advertises speeds up to 7 Mbps.

Submitter: Tularosa Basin Telephone Company

Comment: The Respondent has made major capital expenditures to enable the delivery of broadband services throughout its service area. Within the Applicant’s proposed funded Service Area the Respondent is capable of providing broadband services to 100% of its customers and advertises that capability. 100% of Respondents customers are capable of receiving download speeds of at least 6.0 Mbps. Over 75% of Respondents customers are served via fiber-to-the-premise; the remaining 30% are provisioned with short copper loops.

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 AzulStar Inc, Otero 4 for funding for an area represented as “unserved” that is located, in whole or in part, in Qwest’s broadband service area.

Submitter: PVT NetWorks, Inc.

Comment: PVT NetWorks, Inc. serves the majority of the Otero county map that has been overlapped by AzulStar Inc. We are currently offering high speed internet with 700 MHz service and also with cable modem service. PVT NetWorks, Inc. is offering packages up to 3.0 Mbps. PVT NetWorks, Inc. leases excess capacity from Peñasco Valley Telephone Cooperative Inc. facilities for backhaul and transport. These facilities were initially provided through RUS loans. The proposed project would require additional and redundant federal spending. Excess capacity may be leased from Peñasco Valley Telephone Cooperative Inc. as a much more financially prudent alternative to duplicate federal funding.