Broadband USA Applications Database

**Applicant Name:** USA Web Host

**Service Area:** 911

**Submitter:** Coastal Telco Services, Inc.

**Comment:** Coastal Telco Services, Inc. is the internet service providing affiliate of Lincolnville Networks, Inc. and Tidewater Telecom, Inc., the Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers serving a dozen communities in coastal Maine, including six covered by USA Web Host’s "911" BIP/BTOP grant application: Alna, Bristol, Damariscotta, Nobleboro and Newcastle, and South Bristol. Within these communities, Coastal Telco Services offers high speed broadband service to 100% of homes and businesses, at speeds of up to 6 mbps downstream.

Coastal Telco Services, Inc. believes that every American home, business and public and private institution should have access to affordable high-speed broadband connections to the Internet. Coastal Telco Services, Inc. recognizes that judicious federal stimulus investment in rural broadband may well expand economic opportunities in the communities we serve and create jobs when they are most needed. Coastal Telco Services, Inc. also strongly supports the Obama Administration’s goal to prioritize funding for the areas of greatest need across the nation.

The USA Web Host Application fails to achieve the statutory goals of the BIP and BTOP programs because the areas that it proposes to serve is not unserved or underserved, and should therefore be rejected.