Applicant Name: Webpass Inc.

Public Notice Submissions

Service Area: United States

Submitter: Ponderosa Cablevision

Comment: Ponderosa has demonstrated that the service area submitted has sufficient subscribership, better than federally mandated broadband speeds and pricing equivalent to less rural areas.

Submitter: Kerman Telephone Company, dba Sebastian

Comment: Kerman Telephone, dba, Sebastian, is challenging the applications for ARRA funding for the Kerman Telephone exchange. The Kerman telephone exchange exceeds the federal NTIA/RUS unserved and underserved definition. Audeamus, a non-regulated affiliate of Sebastian launched high-speed Internet service back in 2000 and has availability to 100% of the customers in our service territory. Sebastian is currently offering the choice of 1.5Mbps, 4 Mbps, and 6Mbps to all our customers. The Kerman Telephone exchange has a broadband penetration rate of 41% and growing. As stated in the NOFA ARRA grants are designed to fund areas where no broadband connectivity exists (i.e. are either unserved or underserved). This is not the case in the Kerman exchange. Applicants also fail in the requirement to demonstrate that service would not exist absent support from the grant funds – services already exist in this area. As the area served by Sebastian does not meet the required criteria, the request for funding in our service territory for this application should be denied.

Submitter: Pinnacles Telephone Co.

Comment: Pinnacles Telephone Co. currently is capable of providing Broadband service (DSL) to most residents of southern San Benito County in and around the rural communities of Paicines, San Benito and Idria.

Submitter: Foresthill Telephone Company, dba Sebastian

Comment: Foresthill Telephone, dba, Sebastian, is challenging the applications for ARRA funding for the Foresthill Telephone exchange. The Foresthill telephone exchange exceeds the federal NTIA/RUS
unserved and underserved definition. Audeamus, a non-regulated affiliate of Sebastian launched high-
speed Internet service back in 2005 consistent with the acquisition of this exchange. Sebastian is
currently offering the choice of 6 Mbps, 2.5 Mbps, and 1.5 Mbps to its customers. The Foresthill
Telephone exchange has a broadband penetration rate estimated at 58% and growing. As stated in the
NOFA ARRA grants are designed to fund areas where no broadband connectivity exists (i.e. are either
unserved or underserved). This is not the case in the Foresthill exchange. Applicants also fail in the
requirement to demonstrate that service would not exist absent support from the grant funds – services
already exist in this area. As the area served by Sebastian does not meet the required criteria, the
request for funding in our service territory for this application should be denied.

Submitter: Race Communications, Inc.

Comment: Race Communications, Inc. has full GPON network in the Playa Vista, CA area capable of
providing 100Mbps to each subscriber.

Submitter: Clear Wave Cable

Comment: Our company is in the process of creating as builds to upgrade our existing cable plant to
support broadband of up to 20 Mbps. As a small business, it would be detrimental to our company if
the federal government were to supplement another initiative in our existing service area.

Submitter: Lafourche Telephone Company, LLC

Comment: Lafourche Telephone Co. LLC (Latelco) a former RUS Traditional Telephone Borrower from
February 1951 through September 2001 and since 1945 has served as the existing Incumbent Local
Exchange Company (ILEC) for 5 exchange areas within the rural parishes of Lafourche and Jefferson in
the State of Louisiana, a portion of Lafourche Parish is proposed to be served by Webpass Inc. in their
ARRA Broadband Stimulus application.

Latelco through its wholly owned subsidiary Vision Communications (Vision), a Cable TV company,
currently advertises and provides broadband services, at speeds up to 10 Mbps to residential and
businesses and can provide up to 100 Mbps services to business subscribers within the area proposed by
this applicant. In addition, broadband service, at speeds greatly in excess of the minimum broadband
speed defined by the ARRA NOFA is currently available, through the DSL and Cable Modems distribution
plant of Latelco/Vision to approximately 90% of homes and businesses within the Latelco/Vision service
territory. The area proposed to be served by the applicant contains 103,240,558 households according
to the 2000 U.S. Census, of which 1,097 residential and business subscribers are already served by
Latelco/Vision. For these reasons the applicant’s request for funding to overbuild areas already served by Latelco/Vision should be denied.