Applicant Name: Local Internet Service Company (LISCO)

Public Notice Submissions

Service Area: Lisco SE Broadband Project

Submitter: Van Buren Tel Co. Inc.

Comment: The information contained in this response proves that customers within our service territory, which overlaps the applicant’s proposed service area, have access to quality, facilities-based broadband service as defined by the RUS/NTIA Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA).

Submitter: Cloudburst9 LLC

Comment: Cloudburst9 offers broadband services within and surrounding the following communities: Sigourney and Keota. Cloudburst9 offers standard broadband packages up to 1M up and 1M down in all served areas.

Submitter: Mediacom Communications Corporation

Comment: Existing broadband providers including Mediacom Communications and Iowa Telecom provide the vast majority of households within applicant's proposed service area with access to broadband at speeds well in excess of the minimum speeds set forth in the NOFA. Therefore, the service territory selected by applicant should not be considered unserved or underserved. If approved, the vast majority of the funds requested by this applicant would simply be wasted overbuilding existing service providers that spent their own private capital to bring broadband to rural Americans.

Submitter: Mediacom Communications Corporation

Comment: The vast majority of households within applicant's proposed service area are currently served by at least two wireline broadband service providers and a variety of wireless providers. Broadband speeds well in excess of the minimum broadband speeds set forth in the NOFA are currently available within the applicant's proposed service area. For its part, Mediacom advertises and provides broadband services within the proposed service area at speeds up 20 Mbps. Approval of this application would result in duplicative broadband services and a waste of taxpayer dollars.
Submitter: Iowa Telecom

Comment: Applicant proposes an unspecified mix of wireless and fiber to the premises last-mile services in Wapello County, IA. Iowa Telecom serves 6 exchanges as the incumbent local exchange carrier in the service area proposed by the applicant. Iowa Telecom offers 1.5 mbps broadband service to approximately 80% of all households in these exchanges and offers 3 to 15 mbps broadband service in two of these exchanges. In addition, Qwest, Mediacom, several small rural incumbent LECs, rural CLECs and rural CATV companies provide comparable services in each of their certificated areas. Each of these entities already has built or leased middle-mile facilities. Based on the variety of broadband services already available in this county, Iowa Telecom asks that this application be rejected.

Submitter: MTC Technologies

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Submitter: Danville Telecom

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