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Applicant Name: DigitalBridge Communications Corp.

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-----**Service Area:**   DBC Attala County

Submitter: MetroCast Communications of Mississippi, LLC

Comment: MetroCast Communications of Mississippi, LLC offers broadband service to approximately 90% of the applicant's proposed service area passing approximately 95% of the households. MetroCast offers residential broadband transmission speeds in applicant's proposed service area up to 10Mbps downstream and 1Mbps upstream, with MetroCast's most highly-subscribed broadband service having a transmission speed of 7.0Mbps downstream and 512kbps upstream. MetroCast's business broadband service offerings start at 3Mbps downstream and 512kbps upstream, with advertised offerings of up to 15Mbps downstream and 3Mbps upstream. Higher business speeds are available with customized service options including direct fiber connections. Over 10% of the households and businesses within the applicant's proposed service area currently subscribe to MetroCast broadband services. MetroCast is aware of other providers of high speed broadband service in applicant's proposed service area, including AT&T.   According to an FCC report (http://www.fcc.gov/wcb/iatd/comp.html), as of June 30, 2008, 14 other companies reported providing high-speed service to this service area.

Based on the information provided above, applicant's proposed service area certainly does not meet the definition of "unserved" or "underserved" as those two terms are defined in the NTIA/RUS NOFA.

MetroCast has invested millions of dollars of private capital to build advanced fiber optic networks to provide broadband services in the communities it serves, including the City of Kosciusko and other areas of Atalla County which encompasses a material portion of the applicant's proposed service area. Further details regarding the broadband services MetroCast provides in applicant's proposed service area are provided below.