

Broadband USA Applications Database

Applicant Name: DigitalBridge Communications Corp.

Public Notice Submissions

-----**Service Area:** DBC Kosciusko 2

Submitter: Comcast Cable

Comment: Attached is a summary of the Comcast Cable homes passed, subscriber and advertising information related to the service areas encompassed by this application.

-----**Service Area:** DBC Kosciusko County

Submitter: CenturyLink

Comment: The proposed service areas are not wholly underserved or unserved.

CenturyLink is submitting data that shows the application's proposed service area is not underserved or unserved, under program guidelines. Accordingly, the application must be denied as ineligible. With limited funding and a large pool of applications, program grants and loans must be directed only to areas that are truly underserved or unserved, as stipulated in the program guidelines.

CenturyLink can certify that its affiliates currently offer broadband service in some or all of the applicant's proposed service areas. Attached is a state map that is a representative sample of areas where the application overlaps our existing broadband deployment. CenturyLink also provides data showing broadband availability in our local telephone exchanges within the proposed service areas. We will provide additional information on request if that will further assist the agency's review.

This data is not exhaustive; the application may include other areas also currently served with broadband by other providers, which should be considered in the assessment of the application. Our

data combined with that of other broadband providers would likely show further duplication and overlap of broadband services in the proposed service areas.

CenturyLink has committed to upgrade and extend broadband.

CenturyLink has an extensive broadband footprint today, and has committed to extend that service even further. As part of its merger commitments to the Federal Communications Commission, CenturyLink committed to offer retail broadband Internet access service to 100% of its broadband eligible access lines by July 1, 2012. Consequently, virtually no areas served by CenturyTel or Embarq local operating companies, in any state, will be underserved or unserved at the end of three years.

CenturyLink also agreed to meet targets for minimum download speeds. CenturyLink will ensure availability of retail broadband Internet access service with a download speed of 1.5 Mbps to 87% of the broadband eligible access lines by July 1, 2011. It will ensure availability with a download speed of 3 Mbps to 75% of broadband eligible access lines by July 1, 2010, to 78% of broadband eligible lines by July 1, 2011, and to 80% of broadband eligible lines within 3 years of the close date. Nationwide, our average tele-density is 23 customers per square mile. This commitment ensures availability of broadband even to very rural consumers.

The agency should consider the importance of this commitment, as CenturyLink's continuing investment inevitably will make applications that overlap CenturyLink service areas less viable. CenturyLink has proven, industry-leading experience in deploying broadband networks and services using both wireline and wireless technology, and a strong commitment and focus on rural areas. Today, it serves over 7 million access lines and 2.1 million broadband customers in 33 states.

Submitter: Mediacom Communications Corporation

Comment: A large number of households in applicant's proposed service area are currently served by Mediacom. 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 to 20 Mbps.

Submitter: LigTel Communications

Comment: DigitalBridge Communications Corp. proposed broadband project covers portions of the wireless service area in northeast Indiana served by LigTel Communications (LigTel). LigTel Communications is a wholly owned subsidiary of Ligonier Telephone Company (LTC), an ILEC headquartered at and serving the exchange of Ligonier, Indiana. LTC and LigTel currently serve its exchange and wireless service area by an extensive existing fiber network and wireless network. These areas are currently capable of receiving high speed broadband access at speeds ranging from 768 Kbps to 7 Mbps down. Further, 100% of these premises have access to broadband via LigTel's broadband facilities and 4.8% of those residents and businesses subscribe to LigTel's broadband service. As such, these areas are "SERVED" based on the definitions as established in the Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA).

In this public notice response LigTel is providing: 1) A map of the overlapping area where LigTel provides broadband services; 2) LigTel's high speed Internet advertising, including ads for service over 3 Mbps; 3) The number of residential households and business establishments capable of receiving broadband services from LigTel within our service area, which is 100%; 4) The number of residential households and business establishments subscribing to our broadband, which is 4.8%; and 5) Comments addressing the existing LigTel services offered within the proposed funded service area.

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