

Broadband USA Applications Database

Applicant Name: DigitalBridge Communications Corp.

Public Notice Submissions

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Submitter: Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative

Comment: Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative, Inc. ("Blackfoot") is a rural local exchange provider, and is the incumbent provider in the service territory that is subject to this application. The proposed service area is a remote area, as defined in the Notice of Funds Availability (74 FR 33104 at 33109, July 9, 2009). As further documented below, far more than 50% of the households in the application area currently have access to broadband service, Blackfoot currently advertises broadband services with speeds exceeding 3Mbs downstream in the proposed service area, and the rate of broadband subscribership for the proposed service area exceeds 40% of the households in the area. Therefore, the proposed service area is not "underserved" as defined by the NOFA. (74 FR 33109). Accordingly, the application of Digital Bridge for funding in this service area should be denied.