

Broadband USA Applications Database

Applicant Name: GlenMartin, Inc.

Public Notice Submissions

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Submitter: CenturyLink

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Submitter: Windstream

Comment: Windstream's data strongly suggest that the proposed funded service area likely does not qualify as an unserved area. Windstream offers facilities-based, terrestrial broadband service at advertised speeds of greater than 768 kbps downstream and 200 kbps upstream to some of the households within the proposed funded service area, and such households can readily subscribe to Windstream's broadband service upon request. Windstream also has reason to believe that competitive broadband offerings are available in exchanges overlapping the proposed funded service area. Given this information, agency officials should further investigate existing broadband offerings within the proposed funded service area, so that officials can be sure that the area, in fact, qualifies as unserved.

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Submitter: Suddenlink Communications

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-----**Service Area:** 1 Chillicothe

Submitter: Grand River Mutual Tel. / Lathrop Tel.

Comment: GelnMartin's application covers part of Grand River Mutual Telephone Company / Lathrop Telephone's exchange. Grand River is capable of providing wireline broadband service to 100% of its customers throughout its territory. The majority of Grand River's customers receive service at 6.0 Mbps. Grand River's territory is neither unserved nor underserved.

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Submitter: Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone Company

Comment: The application submitted by GlenMartin, Inc contains inaccurate and incomplete information for the proposed funded service area. Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone Company (NEMR) demonstrates that it provides broadband service with download speeds greater than 768K to 100% of the households and businesses located within its service territory. As such, this area is “SERVED” based on the definitions as established in the Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA). In this public notice response NEMR is providing; 1) a map of the overlapping area where NEMR provides broadband services, 2) NEMR’s DSL high speed Internet advertising 3) the number of residential households and business establishments capable of receiving broadband services from NEMR within our service area, 4) the number of residential households and business establishments subscribing to our broadband, 5) the advertised download and upload speeds and service rates, and 6) comments addressing the existing services offered within the proposed funded service area.

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