Applicant Name: MCNC

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-----Service Area: CSE-Edgecombe

Submitter: Suddenlink Communications

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-----Service Area:  CSE-Cumberland

Submitter:  Star Telephone Membership Corporation

Comment:  Star Telephone Membership Corporation has been Broadband compliant since 2001 offering DSL speeds up to 3mbps down and 512K up in all 10 Exchanges in our 5 county Serving Area in which we are heavily engaged in a 100% FTTH Build-Out Construction Program.

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funded service area may qualify as underserved for Middle Mile projects if one interconnection point
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Submitter:  AT&T

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Submitter:  North State Telephone Company dba North State Comm

Comment:  North State Telephone dba North State Communications is an established incumbent local exchange carrier providing service in the High Point, Thomasville and Randleman, North Carolina exchanges. North State currently provides broadband service to a major portion of the service area outlined by MCNC for Davidson County, North Carolina, including portions of the cities of High Point and Thomasville.

As recently reported on FCC Form 477, North State provides Broadband service as defined in these proceedings, to approximately 98% of the homes and business. Download speeds range from 768 kbps in our traditional copper facilities to 20 Mbps in our Fiber to the Premise areas.

North State currently has approximately 2000 subscribers with Broadband download speed of 3 Mbps or greater in Davidson County. Based on our extensive high speed broadband network as evidenced by the current number of broadband subscribers, North State Communications believes our service area is neither unserved nor underserved.

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**Comment:** Windstream’s data strongly suggest that the proposed funded service area likely does not qualify as an underserved area. Windstream offers facilities-based, terrestrial broadband service (meeting the definition set forth in the Notice of Funds Availability) to some of the households in 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 underserved.

Windstream is a communications and entertainment company with more than 1 million broadband customers in 16 states. Investing more than $200 million in broadband deployment over the last several years, Windstream now offers approximately 89% of its 3 million voice customers access to quality and affordable broadband service.

The agencies define an “underserved area” as follows: “Underserved area means a proposed funded service area, composed of one or more contiguous census blocks meeting certain criteria that measure the availability of broadband service and the level of advertised broadband speeds. These criteria conform to the two distinct components of the Broadband Infrastructure category of eligible projects—Last Mile and Middle Mile. Specifically, a proposed funded service area may qualify as underserved for last mile projects if at least one of the following factors is met, though the presumption will be that more than one factor is present: 1. No more than 50 percent of the households in the proposed funded service area have access to facilities-based, terrestrial broadband service at greater than the minimum broadband transmission speed (set forth in the definition of broadband above); 2. No fixed or mobile broadband service provider advertises broadband transmission speeds of at least three megabits per second (“mbps”) downstream in the proposed funded service area; or 3. The rate of broadband subscribership for the proposed funded service area is 40 percent of households or less. A proposed funded service area may qualify as underserved for Middle Mile projects if one interconnection point terminates in a proposed funded service area that qualifies as unserved or underserved for Last Mile projects.”
-----Service Area:  CSE-Wilson

Submitter:  Charter Communications

Comment:  Charter Communications ('Charter'), a broadband service provider, has invested capital to provide a full range of Broadband services, including High Speed Internet services, in this service area. The applicant’s request in the proposed under-served and un-served service area would create an overlap in Charter’s service area. Charter’s response includes the necessary information to validate the overlapping condition as a result of this applicant’s request.

-----Service Area:  CSE-New Hanover

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Submitter:  AT&T

Comment:  AT&T is providing data about its wireline and mobile broadband footprint to assist in determining whether the applicant's proposed service area, which may be part of a larger application and project, satisfies the unserved and underserved eligibility requirements. Additional information regarding other broadband service providers' currently operating in the service area may be needed in order to make a reasonable analysis or a conclusive determination.
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Submitter:  Suddenlink Communications

Comment:  This response conclusively demonstrates that Suddenlink and its competitors already offer robust broadband service within the mapped area of the applicant's proposed funded service area and that this mapped area is neither unserved nor underserved.  Additional information is provided in the uploaded document, including (1) sample marketing material; (2) a guide on how to read the data we entered in the “Existing Broadband Subscribers” section of this response; (3) a summary of the vendor and methodology used for estimating competitive-service subscribers in the mapped area; (4) Suddenlink contact information, should one or more federal agencies have questions or require additional information; and (5) a summary of concerns with the response process and the limitations that process has placed on our ability to provide NTIA/RUS with relevant, timely data.

-----Service Area:  CSE-Bladen

Submitter:  Star Telephone Membership Corporation

Comment:  Star Telephone Membership Corporation has been Broadband compliant since 2001 offering DSL speeds up to 3mbs down and 512K up in all 10 Exchanges in our 5 county Serving Area in which we are heavily engaged in a 100% FTTH Build-Out Construction Program.

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-----Service Area: CSE-Robeson

Submitter: TDS Telecom

Comment: TDS Telecom offers 3Mbps broadband service within the applicants proposed service area and provides broadband service to customers pursuant to the NOFA definitions.

Submitter: AT&T

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