

Broadband USA Applications Database

Applicant Name: California Rural Service Area #1, Inc. (referred to as U.S. Cellular)

Public Notice Submissions

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Submitter: Suddenink Communications

Comment: This response conclusively demonstrates that Suddenink 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) Suddenink 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.

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: Windjammer Communications LLC

Comment: Windjammer Communications LLC provides fixed broadband internet service in the Susanville and Janesville, California, communities with speed options ranging from 768 kbps to 10 mbps. Windjammer and its predecessors have been providing broadband internet service in these communities since 2002; therefore, Susanville and Janesville, CA are not unserved or underserved.

Submitter: WaveDivision Holdings, LLC

Comment: WaveDivision Holdings, LLC (“Wave”) is a facilities-based, terrestrial provider of high speed Internet, cable television and telephone services. Wave challenges the application of California Rural Service Area #1 (“Applicant”) for last mile funding because Applicant’s proposed funded service area does not meet the requirement set forth in the Notice of Funds Availability to qualify as an “Underserved Area”. The current aggregate broadband penetration in Applicant’s proposed funded service area is significantly greater than the 40% standard set forth in the NOFA. Additionally, in the portion of Applicant’s proposed service area that is served by Wave more than 50% of the households have access to facilities-based, terrestrial broadband service. Essentially 100% of the households in the areas Wave serves in the proposed funded service area have access to Wave’s broadband services. Accordingly, NTIA and/or RUS must deny Applicant’s funding proposal.

Submitter: Velocity Technology Cooperative, Inc.

Comment: Our company has provided wireless broadband to various communities in Northern California since July of 2005 ranging in speeds from 512 kbps to 1 mbps with the anticipation of offering higher speeds as adoption and demand increase. Our system currently covers all areas shown in our service map.

Submitter: Cal-Ore Telephone Co.

Comment: Cal-Ore Telephone Co. provides Digital Subscriber Line broadband service in Dorris, CA, Macdoel, CA, Tullake, CA and Newell, CA at speeds exceeding the NOFA definition. The service is offered at 90% of customer locations with the remaining 10% able to be served with wireless broadband . Speeds are offered and subscribed which exceed 3M downstream. Subscribership exceeds 54% of locations within regulated telephone exchange areas.