

## Public Notice Submission

**Provider Name:** MetroCast Communications of Mississippi, LLC

**Summary:** MetroCast Communications of Mississippi, LLC (“MetroCast”) provides broadband service to more than 17,900 households and businesses in central and northeastern Mississippi.

MetroCast is opposed to any applicant proposing services in the areas defined by the census tracts listed on the “Coverage and Subscription Data” tab. MetroCast offers broadband service to the homes and businesses located within these areas. MetroCast offers residential broadband transmission speeds in these areas of up to 10Mbps downstream and 1Mbps upstream, with MetroCast’s most highly-subscribed broadband service having a transmission speed of 7.0Mbps downstream and 512kbps upstream. MetroCast’s business broadband service offerings start at 3Mbps downstream and 512kbps upstream, with advertised offerings of up to 15Mbps downstream and 3Mbps upstream. Higher business speeds are available with customized service options including direct fiber connections.

In MetroCast service area, over 18% of the households and businesses within this area currently subscribe to MetroCast’s broadband services. MetroCast is aware of other providers of high speed broadband service in the area defined by the census tracts located in Mississippi that are listed on the “Coverage and Subscription Data” tab, including AT&T. According to an FCC report (<http://www.fcc.gov/wcb/iatd/comp.html>), as of December 31, 2008, at least 7 and in one area, 18 other companies reported providing high-speed service to this service area.

Based on the information provided above, the area defined by the census tracts as listed on the “Coverage and Subscription Data” tab certainly does not meet the definition of “un-served” or “underserved” as those two terms are defined in the NTIA/RUS NOFA.

MetroCast has invested several million dollars of private capital to build an advanced fiber optic network to provide broadband services in the areas defined by the census tracts as listed on the “Coverage and Subscription Data” tab.