

Public Notice Submission

Provider Name: NW Communications

Summary: Through this filing, NW Communications is providing a thorough demonstration of the fact that significant portions of the census block groups included within its serving area are well served with broadband infrastructure. NW demonstrates that it offers broadband service at tiers/speeds that meet and exceed the broadband definition using cable modem technology at competitive rates. Furthermore, NW demonstrates that it is able to serve 73% of the households in census block groups associated with its serving area and that subscription is 6% of homes passed. By themselves, these facts do not demonstrate a complete picture of the broadband infrastructure in these census block groups because there are other broadband service providers that more completely fill in and serve this area of Missouri. Specifically, CenturyLink is the Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) serving this area and provides broadband service using DSL technology to rural residences within these census block groups that our CATV hybrid fiber coax plant does not reach. Finally, NW provides specific details of its infrastructure assets with specific coordinates identifying fiber optic resources as well as the location of head end and node locations that contain transport electronics. It should be noted that NW is in the process of deploying fixed wireless broadband for purposes of serving a greater portion of the residences that it cannot currently reach. NW plans to have this completed in 2010 and without the aid of broadband stimulus dollars. Stimulus dollars should not be awarded to applicants that seek to serve an area where multiple providers are already competing to fulfill the broadband requirements of subscribers using technology that meets and exceeds current benchmarks for broadband speed and throughput.