

Public Notice Submission

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Summary: Strata Networks respectfully submits this response to the Round 2 BTOP applications for the Fort Duchesne, Utah area. The applications identify Fort Duchesne, and surrounding area, as either unserved or underserved. We challenge such categorization, because it is contrary to the truth. The data herein submitted, clearly proves the area as served for last mile and middle mile needs. In addition, High Capacity bandwidth services are already being provided to every anchor institution in the designated area. 100% of the Businesses in the designated area are covered and 93% or more of the households have broadband available through wireline services and the remaining households are covered with wireless broadband availability. It is also very important to note that after factoring out the vacant households, the broadband subscribership in Fort Duchesne is nearly 50% of households and is growing. The average in our entire service area is 55% and is growing. We provide and have available a redundant fiber network with connectivity in Grand Junction, Colorado; Price, Utah,, Provo, Utah; and Salt Lake City, Utah. This redundant fiber network has connectivity to all national carriers. A complete array of High Capacity services are offered via, Sonet, Ethernet, Optical Transport, etc. Granting of stimulus funds to the Fort Duchesne area will not be in compliance with the BTOP funding guidelines.