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Subject: Public Comment Received on 302089

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A new public comment has been received on **302089**. The comment and contact information are listed below.

Comment

To Whom It May Concern: I would like to comment on application 302089 - LTE Expansion Project submitted by Evertek. Premier Communications ("Premier") is a broadband service provider in NW Iowa and provides qualifying Broadband coverage in portions of Evertek's application and approval of grant dollars in those census blocks would be an inefficient use of scarce grant dollars. Attached is a CSV file indicating the census blocks where Premier already provides qualifying broadband service. This CSV file matches census blocks filed in the most recent FCC 477 filing indicating service provided as of 12/31/18 and the confidential data filed with the FCC indicates a speed capability of 150 Mbps downstream and 5 Mbps upstream. Our Chief Technology Officer provided the following statement when I asked him about our Broadband capabilities in these census blocks, "Premier Communications has a hybrid-fiber coax (HFC) cable broadband network using DOCSIS 3.0 that can deliver speeds of at least 25/3. We regularly monitor usage and add capacity well in advance of any congestion so that customer can enjoy their subscribed to speeds." In addition I have provided a page from our website (www.mypremieronline.com) showing the most popular speed packages. On top of these speed packages we allow customers to increase their upload speed, for an additional cost, to up to 5 Mbps. I understand the broadband availability map on the OCIO's website from 2015 indicates these areas are eligible, but since 2015 we have upgraded the network to be able to provide speeds well in excess of 25 Mbps downstream and 3 Mbps upstream and it would be extremely unfortunate to award grant dollars to an entity to provide an inferior service to census blocks that can already obtain Broadband at qualifying speeds. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if there are any follow-up questions or if I need to clarify the statements above or the attachments included in any way. Sincerely, Ryan Boone COO Premier Communications

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