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Clarification - Broadband Grant Program (NOFA #003) - Application #367535

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Our application proposes to serve 426 locations (360 Residential and 66 Business) within the Census Blocks submitted. Per your request, we reviewed the 477 Data available through December 31, 2018. As you are aware numerous errors are contained within much of the data submitted by multiple carriers. Based on the 477 data we have determined that 102 residential locations and 8 business locations are currently served (or at least they certify that they serve these locations, to date there has been no attempt to confirm these speeds) by a provider with broadband speeds in excess of 25/3. This application did not allow carriers to challenge any of this data. We believe that there is an overstatement of speeds available to these locations. Thereby making the 110 locations identified very much overstated. Please remember that the 477 Data uses the following approach: if one location is served by 25/3 all locations are served with 25/3 service – obviously, this is incorrect.

We confirm that 316 (although we do stipulate that the 426 locations contained in our application should be eligible due to poor data, short time frame and no reasonable process to determine if the 110 locations actually can receive service at speeds of 25/3 or higher, all of the locations submitted with our application will have access speeds in excess of 100/20 through our fiber to the home network, which is designed to provide 1,000/500 speeds to each location) broadband units in the project area **ARE UNSERVED** by 25/3 Broadband service, meaning that no other known Communication Service Provider currently facilitates 25/3 Broadband or faster service to those broadband units (to the best of our knowledge).

Due to the design of the network and the network being installed (fiber to the home, broadband speeds available far in excess of 100/20 or 25/3) and the inaccuracy in the reporting data to date, we believe our application for 50% grant money for this project should be accepted for all 426 locations.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve and connect all of these locations located in the remote areas of Clayton County, Iowa.

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