Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC O'Neill NBBP/CPF Grant Application

The following notice of defects was received on 3/13/2024 and response/resolution is noted as a sub bullet to the defect/concern.

General defects or concerns:

- General Review Comments: Locations in Application (356) do not match locations in Shapefile (378)
 - <u>Resolution & Response</u>: Application and shapefiles have been adjusted to remove locations reported as served. Revised shapefile location counts match revised application location counts. However, fiber will be routed nearby served locations to reach neighboring un/underserved locations thus the project costs are not impacted.
- Project Area Follow-up: Overlaps Great Plains Project Emmet
 - <u>Response & Resolution</u>: Upon review of FCC BDC reporting, it does not appear the ACAM I recipient built to served speeds as the area is considered un/underserved based on currently available FCC BDC data. Additionally, if the recipient is still completing the grant build it appears the program requirements are 10/1 Mbps with uplift to 25/3 Mbps thus would still be considered un/underserved. CenturyLink QC has modified the project boundary to eliminate the appearance of overlap and is submitting a revised shapefile attachment though there is no impact to location count.
- Technical Follow-up:
- Financial Follow-up:
- Legal Capability Follow-up:
- Digital Inclusion Plan Follow-up: DIP indicates that applicant will provide 200 symmetrical service to ACP customers. But that "actual results can differ based on network congestion and/or capabilities of customer provided equipment. There are not set minimum speeds for the offering." Please review the requirements for the DIP and resubmit.
 - <u>Resolution</u>: Attachment J has been revised/resubmitted to clarify current status of ACP and no set minimum speed for ACP allows approved participants to apply the ACP credit to any current speed offering.
- Rates Follow-up: The application indicates a monthly customer rate for proposed 100/100 Mbps service (non-promo rate) of \$92.24. However, the Attachment F does not include this \$92.24 rate but instead indicates the company currently offers 500/500 Mbps for \$50/mo with a "price for life" option. The attachment also references a commitment to price at or below the FCC's 2024 urban rate survey for the 5-year commitmen period. The company's website for Centurylink reflects \$55/mo for the up to 100Mbps "Simply Unlimited Internet" option & \$75/mo for the up to 940 Mbps "Fiber Internet" option. The Quantum fiber website reflects a rate of \$50/mo for the Up to 500 Mbps & \$75/mo for the 940 Mbps option. Please elaborate on the rates to be offered in the proposed service area upon completion and throughout the 5-year commitment period.
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- Match Follow-up:
- Fixed Wireless Follow-up:
- Authorities Follow-up:
- Public Private Partnership (PPP) Follow-up: