

Stealth Broadband — Response to AMG Partial Challenge

CPF-2024 – Project: Boone County West Unserved

Challenge – AMG Technology LLC – Type 1 – 32 Locations – Fixed Wireless

Stealth received notice that AMG is partially challenging 32 locations within this project. Stealth is disputing this challenge due to several reasons listed below.

1. The challenger is required to provide evidence of speed and latency testing performed on active subscribers within the challenged area. AMG did not provide any test results, but instead provided an apology for not being able to provide test results. Stealth researched as many locations as we could in the challenged area and could not find any customers subscribed to AMG's service.
2. In reviewing the coverage maps that AMG supplied, the locations within the challenged area are on the edges of their wireless coverage. Many of the customers are farther than 8 miles from the tower site. While it is possible for customers within the AMG coverage area to attain speeds in excess of 100/20 Mbps service, it is unlikely. At those extreme distances trees, terrain, rain and other factors will all play a role in limiting the speed and resiliency of the wireless Internet service.
3. On past grant applications Stealth has worked in good faith with AMG to remove locations from our application that AMG claimed were served at the 100/20 Mbps level. Once the grants were awarded, we were contacted by residents in the challenged area as well as county commissioners that were upset that those locations were removed from our application. Customers in these areas want the long-term speeds, reliability, and growth potential of fiber-optics.

In summary, Stealth would ask the Nebraska Public Service Commission to deny the challenge of AMG on this CPF-2024 application. The burden of proof is on the challenger and AMG has not provided the information required of a legitimate challenge.