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APPLICANT NAME: Rivada Sea Lion, LLC
PROJECT NAME: Southwestern Alaska Broadband Rural Expansion (SABRE)
STATE(S): AK
PROJECT TYPE: Last Mile Remote
ANNOUNCEMENT DATE: December 17, 2009
ANNOUNCED AMOUNT: \$25,333,240 Grant

PROJECT SUMMARY:

SABRE delivers low cost, high speed broadband and Public Safety interoperability to the inaccessible communities of Southwestern Alaska. The project will dramatically enhance service to individual, community centers, schools, medical clinics and Public Safety organizations. SABRE uses a unique combination of wireless technologies to deliver leading edge connectivity to the proposed service area.

APPLICANT NAME: United Utilities, Inc.
PROJECT NAME: TERRA-SW: Terrestrial Broadband In Southwestern Alaska
STATE(S): AK
PROJECT TYPE: Middle Mile
ANNOUNCEMENT DATE: January 25, 2010
ANNOUNCED AMOUNT: \$44,158,522 Loan
\$43,982,240 Grant

PROJECT SUMMARY:

United Utilities, Inc., (UUI) will provide middle mile connectivity to 65 communities in southwestern Alaska. These communities span the Bristol Bay and Yukon Kuskokwim regions, an area approximately the size of North Dakota. Connectivity is over a combination of undersea fiber, terrestrial fiber, and microwave links. UUI will leverage its DeltaNet network to reduce the total cost of deployment.

APPLICANT NAME: Butler Telephone Company, Inc.
PROJECT NAME: Butler Telephone Company, Inc.: Project to serve rural, remote and unserved establishments
STATE(S): AL
PROJECT TYPE: Last Mile Remote
ANNOUNCEMENT DATE: January 25, 2010
ANNOUNCED AMOUNT: \$3,892,920 Grant

PROJECT SUMMARY:

Butler Telephone Company, Inc., a subsidiary of TDS Telecom, will provide high-speed DSL broadband service to remote, unserved households within its rural service territory in Alabama. The system is being built so that it can be upgraded to accommodate future services. As a direct result of constructing this project, it is estimated that 77 jobs will be directly created or retained.

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APPLICANT NAME: AUDEAMUS
PROJECT NAME: Westside Broadband Project for Rural Central California-San Joaquin, Tranquillity, and West Fresno
STATE(S): CA
PROJECT TYPE: Last Mile
ANNOUNCEMENT DATE: January 25, 2010
ANNOUNCED AMOUNT: \$2,741,505 Loan
\$2,741,505 Grant

PROJECT SUMMARY:

The Audeamus project will build a fiber-based broadband infrastructure for the unserved and underserved communities of San Joaquin, Tranquillity, and a portion of rural west Fresno County, CA. This last-mile project will provide broadband access to approximately 1,500 households, local businesses and anchor institutions in these communities. This project will also make service available to 24 entities and organizations considered community anchor institutions, public safety entities, and critical community organizations in the San Joaquin, Tranquillity, and west Fresno areas.

APPLICANT NAME: The Peetz Cooperative Telephone CO
PROJECT NAME: Peetz Last Mile
STATE(S): CO; NE
PROJECT TYPE: Last Mile Remote
ANNOUNCEMENT DATE: December 17, 2009
ANNOUNCED AMOUNT: \$1,513,850 Grant

PROJECT SUMMARY:

The Peetz Co-operative Telephone Company will deploy broadband infrastructure in and around the Peetz Community using a combination of technologies. This deployment within the remote, unserved farming community will create jobs and stimulate economic growth. Anchor institutions within the community will have connectivity to necessary distance learning and public safety applications.

APPLICANT NAME: Big Island Broadband/Aloha Broadband Inc
PROJECT NAME: Aloha Broadband Kohala
STATE(S): HI
PROJECT TYPE: Last Mile Remote
ANNOUNCEMENT DATE: December 17, 2009
ANNOUNCED AMOUNT: \$106,503 Loan

PROJECT SUMMARY:

Aloha Broadband will be providing affordable terrestrial fixed wireless broadband service to the community of North Kohala on the Big Island of Hawaii. The census blocks we have chosen are not served by any broadband service providers.

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APPLICANT NAME: C-M-L Telephone Cooperative Association
PROJECT NAME: Meriden and Archer Fiber To the Home Project
STATE(S): IA
PROJECT TYPE: Last Mile
ANNOUNCEMENT DATE: January 25, 2010
ANNOUNCED AMOUNT: \$1,519,225 Grant

PROJECT SUMMARY:

This fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) project will provide broadband service via fiber optic network to rural Iowa communities, including Archer and Meriden. The C-M-L Telephone Cooperative Association will offer services to include high-speed Internet exceeding 20 Mbps, digital television, and telephone service.

APPLICANT NAME: Eastlight, LLC
PROJECT NAME: Southeast Iowa Rural Wireless Broadband
STATE(S): IA
PROJECT TYPE: Last Mile
ANNOUNCEMENT DATE: February 17, 2010
ANNOUNCED AMOUNT: \$3,836,926 Loan

PROJECT SUMMARY:

Eastlight, LLC, will serve over 80 small, rural communities with high-speed, affordable Internet using wireless technology and business experience gained by serving this challenging region of small towns and large farms. The Southeast Iowa Rural Wireless Broadband project will extend high-speed broadband coverage into villages, towns and unincorporated collections of farms, businesses and homes in 12 Iowa counties with 6,226 square miles, and 111 communities with 144,000 residents in unserved and underserved areas.

APPLICANT NAME: F&B Communications, Inc.
PROJECT NAME: F&B Communications FTTH Stimulus Project
STATE(S): IA
PROJECT TYPE: Last Mile
ANNOUNCEMENT DATE: January 25, 2010
ANNOUNCED AMOUNT: \$1,628,588 Loan
\$1,609,162 Grant

PROJECT SUMMARY:

The F&B Communications FTTH Stimulus project will provide advanced fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) services via high-speed fiber optic network with speeds exceeding 20 Mbps to the rural areas surrounding the Iowa communities of Bennett, Delmar and Lowden. The system will also allow for expansion at a future date.

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APPLICANT NAME: La Motte Telephone Company
PROJECT NAME: Springbrook Wireless Internet Project
STATE(S): IA
PROJECT TYPE: Last Mile
ANNOUNCEMENT DATE: January 25, 2010
ANNOUNCED AMOUNT: \$187,815 Loan
\$187,815 Grant

PROJECT SUMMARY:

La Motte Telephone Company will provide wireless broadband services from a 300-foot tower and Wi-Max installation for wireless broadband service in the surrounding area. This project is expected to primarily serve homes in an underserved rural area.

APPLICANT NAME: Smithville Telephone Company, Inc.
PROJECT NAME: Smithville FTTP Phase 2
STATE(S): IN
PROJECT TYPE: Last Mile
ANNOUNCEMENT DATE: February 17, 2010
ANNOUNCED AMOUNT: \$37,729,143 Loan

PROJECT SUMMARY:

This project will provide fiber-to-the-premises (FTTP) with voice, data, and video to approximately 18,440 customer sites in the area served by Smithville Telephone Company. This represents the remainder of Smithville's serving area of approximately 34,000 sites where FTTP is not presently being constructed.

APPLICANT NAME: Rural Telephone Service Co., Inc.
PROJECT NAME: Rural Opportunities Delivered
STATE(S): KS
PROJECT TYPE: Last Mile
ANNOUNCEMENT DATE: January 25, 2010
ANNOUNCED AMOUNT: \$51,612,842 Loan
\$49,588,807 Grant

PROJECT SUMMARY:

Rural Telephone Service Co., Inc., Rural Opportunities Delivered project will provide service in an area of western Kansas that is 99.5% unserved/underserved and will provide a rural infrastructure required for economic stability, education and healthcare. The company is a cooperative and RUS partner on 32 other projects. It leads a team of seven companies with this shovel-ready project.

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APPLICANT NAME: Mountain RTCC
PROJECT NAME: Mountain RTCC ILEC Broadband
STATE(S): KY
PROJECT TYPE: Last Mile
ANNOUNCEMENT DATE: February 17, 2010
ANNOUNCED AMOUNT: \$39,843,535 Loan
\$38,281,044 Grant

PROJECT SUMMARY:

Mountain RTCC will deploy a fiber-cable based broadband network in Morgan, Menifee, Wolfe and Elliott counties of Kentucky. This network will provide over 20 Mbps bandwidth to end users. Mountain RTCC will bring affordable broadband access to these counties to enhance economic development and workforce training.

APPLICANT NAME: North Central Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
PROJECT NAME: Broadband Infrastructure Investment Program
STATE(S): KY; TN
PROJECT TYPE: Last Mile
ANNOUNCEMENT DATE: January 25, 2010
ANNOUNCED AMOUNT: \$24,964,000 Loan
\$24,715,709 Grant

PROJECT SUMMARY:

North Central Telephone Cooperative (NCTC) will provide the necessary infrastructure to provide advanced voice, video and data services that exceed 20 Mbps to remote and rural communities in the service area of northern Tennessee.

APPLICANT NAME: Allen's TV Cable Service, Inc.
PROJECT NAME: Allen's Cable - FTTX Broadband Network Extension
STATE(S): LA
PROJECT TYPE: Last Mile
ANNOUNCEMENT DATE: February 17, 2010
ANNOUNCED AMOUNT: \$3,584,680 Loan
\$3,513,697 Grant

PROJECT SUMMARY:

The Allen's Cable project will extend a fiber-to-the-premises (FTTP) network from existing fiber into rural areas of three South Louisiana Parishes. The project will also provide underserved citizens with broadband, cable TV and digital voice services to enhance entertainment, communications and information, and create jobs to stimulate area economic growth and support safety and emergency preparedness.

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APPLICANT NAME: LBH, LLC.
PROJECT NAME: Rural Broadband Powered by Fiber
STATE(S): LA
PROJECT TYPE: Last Mile
ANNOUNCEMENT DATE: February 17, 2010
ANNOUNCED AMOUNT: \$16,693,439 Loan
\$16,691,939 Grant

PROJECT SUMMARY:

LBH, LLC, a subsidiary of Cameron Communications, LLC, will expand the existing fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) system in Moss Bluff to build FTTH in the communities and surrounding rural areas of Oakdale and Vinton. The project will provide broadband, voice and video service to unserved and underserved areas.

APPLICANT NAME: Northeast Louisiana Telephone Company, Inc.
PROJECT NAME: Northeast Louisiana Telephone Co. FTTH & Broadband Project
STATE(S): LA
PROJECT TYPE: Last Mile
ANNOUNCEMENT DATE: January 25, 2010
ANNOUNCED AMOUNT: \$8,124,600 Loan
\$4,359,000 Grant

PROJECT SUMMARY:

The Northeast Louisiana Telephone Company project will provide an active Ethernet system with symmetrical speeds of 20 Mbps. The system will be using buried fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) to serve the communities of Bonita and Collinston in Morehouse Parish, Louisiana. The equipment will consist of a large capacity router, a softswitch for voice, an IPTV headend for video and all associated electronics to implement the project.

APPLICANT NAME: Chatham Telephone Company
PROJECT NAME: Chatham Telephone Company: Project to serve rural, remote and unserved establishments
STATE(S): MI
PROJECT TYPE: Last Mile Remote
ANNOUNCEMENT DATE: December 17, 2009
ANNOUNCED AMOUNT: \$8,605,935 Grant

PROJECT SUMMARY:

Chatham Telephone Company, a subsidiary of TDS Telecom, proposes a project to bring high speed DSL broadband service to remote, unserved households within its rural service territory, which is comparable to the DSL service provided in its more populated areas. The network is also engineered so that it can be easily upgraded at a reasonable cost to meet future needs.

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APPLICANT NAME: City of Windom
PROJECT NAME: Southwest Minnesota Broadband Group (SWMBG)
STATE(S): MN
PROJECT TYPE: Last Mile
ANNOUNCEMENT DATE: February 17, 2010
ANNOUNCED AMOUNT: \$6,350,000 Loan
\$6,350,000 Grant

PROJECT SUMMARY:

The City of Windom Southwest Minnesota Broadband Group (SWMBG) will build fiber-to-the-premises infrastructure to eight rural communities throughout southwestern Minnesota. The network will consist of a 125 mile fiber ring which will connect eight communities and an FTTP infrastructure within the communities that will support a total of over 3,500 passings. The fiber network will also be open to other providers for provision of wireless services, dark fiber services and competitive services to SWMBG.

APPLICANT NAME: Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone
PROJECT NAME: Unionville, MO FTTP Project
STATE(S): MO
PROJECT TYPE: Last Mile
ANNOUNCEMENT DATE: February 17, 2010
ANNOUNCED AMOUNT: \$5,140,458 Loan
\$5,140,458 Grant

PROJECT SUMMARY:

Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone Company's fiber-to-the-premises (FTTP) project will provide broadband services to households, businesses, and key community organizations that are currently underserved. This project will provide needed broadband services and create the potential of increased business growth, public safety services and quality of life for the residents in the Unionville Exchange within Missouri. FTTP technology will allow Northeast Missouri Rural Telephone Company to offer a variety of communications and entertainment services, including interactive two-way broadband services, carrier-class telephony, digital multimedia and VoIP.

APPLICANT NAME: Ralls County Electric Cooperative
PROJECT NAME: Ralls County Electric Fiber-to-the-Home Project
STATE(S): MO
PROJECT TYPE: Last Mile
ANNOUNCEMENT DATE: January 25, 2010
ANNOUNCED AMOUNT: \$9,548,909 Loan
\$9,548,908 Grant

PROJECT SUMMARY:

Ralls County Electric Cooperative (RCEC) will provide a fiber-optic network to residential and commercial members and the underserved safety and anchor agencies in the service area. This is a State of Missouri demonstration project and non-proprietary data will be shared.

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APPLICANT NAME: Bretton Woods Telephone Company, Inc.
PROJECT NAME: Last Mile Remote Area - Bretton Woods, NH
STATE(S): NH
PROJECT TYPE: Last Mile Remote
ANNOUNCEMENT DATE: December 17, 2009
ANNOUNCED AMOUNT: \$985,000 Grant

PROJECT SUMMARY:

The national broadband network is only as strong as its weakest link, if the last mile is substandard, the opportunity to connect all citizens to high-speed broadband cannot be realized. Therefore, BWTC intends to purchase and install FTTP and associated electronics within selected census block groups in our existing footprint and to add additional central office space.

APPLICANT NAME: BEK Communications Cooperative
PROJECT NAME: Rural Burleigh County, ND FTTP
STATE(S): ND
PROJECT TYPE: Last Mile
ANNOUNCEMENT DATE: January 25, 2010
ANNOUNCED AMOUNT: \$2,016,571 Loan
\$1,986,473 Grant

PROJECT SUMMARY:

The BEK Communications Cooperative last mile project will provide fiber-to-the-premises (FTTP) broadband services to the underserved homes and anchor institutions in rural Burleigh County, ND. This will aid business growth and support public safety in rural areas highly dependent on Internet business income. BEK provides broadband service near this area where 53% penetration has been achieved.

APPLICANT NAME: Halstad Telephone Company
PROJECT NAME: HTC Hillsboro ND Rural FTTP
STATE(S): ND
PROJECT TYPE: Last Mile
ANNOUNCEMENT DATE: January 25, 2010
ANNOUNCED AMOUNT: \$2,027,600 Loan
\$2,027,600 Grant

PROJECT SUMMARY:

The Halstad Telephone Company project will deploy fiber-to-the-premises (FTTP) broadband Internet and video services to 430 locations in rural Hillsboro, Traill County, North Dakota, utilizing 283 miles of fiber optic cable and providing those locations with broadband capability of 100 Megabits.

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APPLICANT NAME: Baca Valley Telephone Company, Inc.
PROJECT NAME: Baca Valley Telephone Last Mile DSL project
STATE(S): NM
PROJECT TYPE: Last Mile
ANNOUNCEMENT DATE: February 17, 2010
ANNOUNCED AMOUNT: \$1,651,000 Loan
\$1,586,000 Grant

PROJECT SUMMARY:

The Baca Valley Telephone Company, Inc., project will provide fiber optic connectivity to a number of new cabinets and existing buildings and deploy a last mile access system intended to provide ADSL2+ broadband services to households and businesses in two separate PFSAs located in the northeast area of New Mexico.

This project will serve subscribers located in Union and Colfax counties in the state of New Mexico, and consists of two service areas. Des Moines is composed of 194 census blocks located in and around the village of Des Moines, NM. Maxwell is composed of 36 census blocks in the community of Maxwell, NM. This project will serve 373 establishments, 71 of which are businesses and rural establishments that include farms and ranches.

APPLICANT NAME: Western New Mexico Telephone Company, Inc.
PROJECT NAME: Western New Mexico Telephone Company Broadband Infrastructure Project
STATE(S): NM
PROJECT TYPE: Last Mile Remote
ANNOUNCEMENT DATE: February 17, 2010
ANNOUNCED AMOUNT: \$11,516,679 Grant

PROJECT SUMMARY:

Western New Mexico Telephone Company, Inc., will implement a last mile project to provide broadband services to remote and unserved customer locations throughout its service area, and will extend additional broadband services to critical community facilities.

APPLICANT NAME: Slic Network Solutions
PROJECT NAME: Franklin County, NY Broadband Initiative
STATE(S): NY
PROJECT TYPE: Last Mile Remote
ANNOUNCEMENT DATE: December 17, 2009
ANNOUNCED AMOUNT: \$1,066,000 Loan
\$4,262,642 Grant

PROJECT SUMMARY:

Slic Network Solutions, Inc. is proposing to construct 136 miles of fiber optic cable and purchase the necessary equipment and electronics to deliver advanced broadband services to 726 unserved households in remote western Franklin County, NY. The proposal also includes voice and IPTV services over the same facilities.

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APPLICANT NAME: Consolidated Electric Cooperative Inc
PROJECT NAME: North Central Ohio Rural Fiber Optic Network
STATE(S): OH
PROJECT TYPE: Middle Mile
ANNOUNCEMENT DATE: December 17, 2009
ANNOUNCED AMOUNT: \$1,399,499 Loan
\$1,034,413 Grant

PROJECT SUMMARY:

Consolidated Electric Cooperative is proposing construction of an open-connectivity fiber optic backbone network. This middle mile project is integral to a Smart Grid initiative and broadband service that will bring urban connectivity to rural Ohio. Multiple benefits include economic development, job creation, connectivity of Village, County, State, medical, and educational facilities.

APPLICANT NAME: Pine Telephone Company, Inc.
PROJECT NAME: Broadband Grant for Isolated Southeastern Oklahoma/Choctaw Nation
– Rural/Remote Areas
STATE(S): OK
PROJECT TYPE: Last Mile Remote
ANNOUNCEMENT DATE: December 17, 2009
ANNOUNCED AMOUNT: \$9,482,316 Grant

PROJECT SUMMARY:

The project will use innovative wireless technology to deliver affordable broadband service to portions of entirely rural, remote and economically disadvantaged Southeast Oklahoma (within the Choctaw Nation) to create economic growth and jobs and to enhance education, health care and public safety. Pine Telephone Co. will keep rates affordable and will invest free cash flow to expand the system.

APPLICANT NAME: City of Sandy Oregon
PROJECT NAME: Sandy Broadband Infrastructure Project
STATE(S): OR
PROJECT TYPE: Last Mile
ANNOUNCEMENT DATE: February 17, 2010
ANNOUNCED AMOUNT: \$374,548 Loan
\$374,537 Grant

PROJECT SUMMARY:

The Sandy Broadband Infrastructure Project will provide broadband service to an underseved rural area. It will improve and expand wireless Internet service provided by SandyNet, a municipal Internet service provider operated by the City of Sandy. The project will also add new antenna towers upgrade equipment to 8 Mbps capacity, and provide fiber backhaul.

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APPLICANT NAME: Gervais Telephone Company
PROJECT NAME: Marion County Broadband Buildout
STATE(S): OR
PROJECT TYPE: Last Mile
ANNOUNCEMENT DATE: January 25, 2010
ANNOUNCED AMOUNT: \$314,430 Loan
\$314,430 Grant

PROJECT SUMMARY:

This project will extend Gervais Telephone Company's existing fiber network by building out from the nearest fiber splice point through the funded service area. This project will provide broadband connectivity to residential and business end users, as well as to four anchor institutions in rural Marion County, OR.

APPLICANT NAME: Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
PROJECT NAME: Southern Texas Broadband Infrastructure Development and Adoption Project
STATE(S): TX
PROJECT TYPE: Last Mile
ANNOUNCEMENT DATE: February 17, 2010
ANNOUNCED AMOUNT: \$40,093,153 Loan
\$38,520,868 Grant

PROJECT SUMMARY:

Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc., will develop broadband infrastructure in 11 unserved and underserved rural areas of the South Texas Plains.

APPLICANT NAME: NTELOS Telephone Inc.
PROJECT NAME: Alleghany Broadband Now Initiative
STATE(S): VA
PROJECT TYPE: Last Mile
ANNOUNCEMENT DATE: January 25, 2010
ANNOUNCED AMOUNT: \$8,062,088 Loan
\$8,062,088 Grant

PROJECT SUMMARY:

This last-mile project will provide broadband infrastructure to unserved and underserved homes, businesses and critical community institutions in rural Alleghany County, Virginia. This NTELOS Telephone Inc., project will enable work-from-home jobs and foster economic development, and improve health, education and public safety services to the county citizens.