

Public Notice Submission

Provider Name: Missouri Network Alliance, L.L.C.

Summary: Missouri Network Alliance, L.L.C. (MNA) is wholly-owned by fifteen (15) Rural Independent Local Exchange Carriers (ILECS) and we have been providing high quality, cost affordable broadband services in Missouri for 10+ years. MNA was an early recipient of RUS funding under the Broadband Pilot Loan Program. Those funds coupled with our Members hard-earned equity, allowed us to begin our deployment of broadband services across a significant footprint in Missouri. Our network is built upon DWDM and SONET optical technologies configured in a fully protected ring architecture. MNA's DWDM technology can currently support up to 40 lambdas of 10Gbps wavelengths and can be upgraded to support 40Gbps wavelengths. As a mature and profitable "middle mile" provider we believe that the "middle mile" applicants within our service areas are trying to duplicate existing networks like ours simply for their self-centered competitive initiatives. Our "principal centered position" is that Missouri already has a sufficient number of high capacity, experienced and solid "middle mile" service providers ("as the just released Insight's Broadband Competition Research Report confirms"). Taxpayer dollars should not be wasted to create brand new companies, or further an existing company's competitive strategies, when the stated key objectives of the ARRA are to provide broadband services to un-served or under-served consumers and institutions.