

ARPA SLFRF 3.0 Comments

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Joe Prater	Spectrum Southeast, LLC	joe.prater@charter.com	(919)390-4828	Charter Communications, Inc.	CHR-AK	Aiken and Kershaw Counties Broadband Expansion Project	Charter discovered a GIS error in the data submitted regarding project BSLs. There are no impacts to the project budget or the proposed fiber routes/miles, but Charter hereby requests the ability to submit the updated BSLs within the proposed project area.
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Private Citizen (Redacted)		Private Citizen (Redacted)	Private Citizen (Redacted)	Farmers Telephone Cooperative Inc	FTC- D3	Lee	My husband and I are retired and living on a fixed income. For many years we have had to rely on satellite internet. An expensive way to access the internet. Currently we use Viasat. Our connection is problematic. It is difficult to maintain a steady connection for Zoom or FaceTime. We have out of state family we wish to maintain video contact with. An internet connection that drops in and out is very frustrating. Also losing connection during bad weather events is frustrating. We have been looking forward to an economic reliable fiber optic internet connection. Hopefully this will be happening soon.
Sarah Bonnoitt	HTC	sarah.bonnoitt@htcinc.net	(843)369-8634	n/a	HTC-01	HTC ARPA 3.0 Horry & Georgetown	After further review of our application, HTC realized there were a few locations included that should not have been. We seek to amend our application and remove these locations.
Randy Weber	Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative	randy.weber@prtc.us	(843)599-1515	Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	PTC-12	PTC Charleston_Dorchester	The application contains census blocks were added without the need for construction costs. We already have coverage and can serve the addresses at no additional cost with a service drop. Some of these census blocks have fiber built from other awarded grants. GEOID20 for reference 450350108011032 - Already built with funds from Dorchester County ARPA grant. 450190024011017 - Already built. Service has been available for a year and can be fed with a drop. (COMCAST CHD-01 ALSO APPLIED) 450190025032009 - Already built. Service has been available for a year and can be fed with a drop. (COMCAST CHD-01 ALSO APPLIED) 450190024021089 - Extended cable from previous ARPA grant build last year and set a ped at the entrance to this tree farm in preparation for signing up for service. (COMCAST CHD-01 ALSO APPLIED) 450190024021033 - Already built from previous ARPA grant build. Can feed with a drop. (COMCAST CHD-01 ALSO APPLIED)

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Randy Weber	Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative	randy.weber@prtc.us	(843)599-1515	Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	PTC-13	PTC Hampton_Jasper	<p>The application contains census blocks were added without the need for construction costs. We already have coverage and can serve the addresses at no additional cost with a service drop.</p> <p>GEOID20 for reference 450499202013020 450499201001001 450499201001015 450059705002068 450499201001014 450499201001029 450499204021015 450499201001102 450499202023112 450499202011030 450499202011024 450499202011023 450499202011022 450499202012002 450499202013004 450499202022053 450499202013038 450499202021005 450499202022054 450499202021018 450499202021042 450499204022039 450499203001026 450499203001077 450539501001035 450539501001058 450539501002032 450539501002031 450539501002043 450539501002038 450499205001073</p>
Randy Weber	Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative	randy.weber@prtc.us	(843)599-1515	Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	PTC-14	PTC Bamberg_Colleton	<p>The application contains census blocks were added without the need for construction costs. We already have coverage and can serve the addresses at no additional cost with a service drop</p> <p>450299707022004 - we have fed this entire census block since 2017 450299707012041- we have fed this entire census block since 2016 450299707012029 - we have fed this entire census block since 2015 450299707011064 - we have fed this entire census block since 2016 450099604002031 - service has been available since 2022</p> <p>The following are Census blocks that were beside blocks that were awarded the last round of ARPA grant so they built at the same time. 450099603001037 450099603002023 450099603002053 450099603002016 450099603002044 450099603002043</p>
Jamie Peagler	Home Telecom	Jamie.Peagler@hometelco.com	(843)761-9129	Home Telephone Company, Inc.	HTC-05	SC ARPA-03	<p>Home Telecom is excited to help further digital literacy within the project area by engaging in a partnership with Berkeley Electric Cooperative to provide the Older Adults Technology Services ("OATS") program through the AARP. A study by the American Geriatrics Society shows that older adults who engage in regular internet use are less likely to develop dementia. Two local utility providers partnering within the community means that we aren't just helping customers: we are helping our friends, family, and neighbors. Providing classes in a well-known and trusted environment will help our seniors embrace technology use, leading to improved lives and health in the process.</p>

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Jamie Peagler	Home Telecom	Jamie.Peagler@hometelco.com	(843)761-9129	Home Telephone Company, Inc.	HTC-05	SC ARPA-03	Home Telecom's application proposes to deploy a mix of XGS FTTH to unserved locations and a mix of XGS FTTH and a Hi-Split, fiber-deep HFC network capable of multi-gigabit symmetric speeds to underserved locations. This combination, built to incorporate high standards of resilience, allows Home Telecom to achieve either fiber or fiber-like speeds at the lowest cost per passing to over 7,300 ARPA-eligible locations. This is only achievable because Home Telecom has recently converted all traditional cable TV services to 100% streaming, thus freeing all available RF spectrum on its HFC plant for use in its cable modem service. This allows for multi-gigabit upstream and downstream speeds within the scope of this project.
John Richards	OneNation Coffee	info@onenationcoffee.com	(843)879-3634	Charter Communications	CHR-BD	Barnwell and Dorchester Counties Broadband Expansion Project	I am writing to express our support for Charter's Broadband initiative aimed at providing broadband service to underserved areas of Dorchester County. Access to reliable internet is no longer a luxury; it is an essential utility that facilitates economic growth, educational opportunities, and social connectivity. Despite massive amounts of funds awarded to Dorchester County from various programs, our home county, many communities continue to face barriers in accessing high-speed internet. Charter's commitment to bridging the digital divide perfectly aligns with One Nation Coffee's mission to foster economic prosperity. This is why we are supporting Charter's application.
Johnny McKenzie	Sandhill Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	johnny.mckenzie@mysandhill.net	(843)658-9002	Charter Communications, Inc.	CHR-AK	Aiken and Kershaw Counties Broadband Expansion Project	Charter's project CHR-AK extends across 3 counties (Aiken, Chesterfield and Kershaw counties). The ARPA 3.0 Guidelines state a project can only extend across 2 counties. Secondly according to the ARPA 3.0 Guidelines on page 9 item 15, the ISP has to provide an affordable high-speed internet plan with minimum speed of 100/20 Mbps with no data caps. According to Charter's application CHR-AK in Section 1.6 - Low-Cost Plan, Charter is not providing unlimited data for this service.
Andre DeMattia	Talkie Communications	Andre.DeMattia@TalkieFiber.com	(844)582-5543	n/a	TLK-01	Talkie-Lexington	Talkie has found a problem with the application and has fixed the problems.
Andre DeMattia	Talkie Communications, Inc.	Andre.DeMattia@TalkieFiber.com	(844)582-5543	na	TLK-02	Talkie-Anderson	Talkie has found an issue with the map in our application and has revised the application.
Andre DeMattia	Talkie Communications, Inc.	Andre.DeMattia@TalkieFiber.com	(844)582-5543	na	TLK-03	Talkie Greenville	Talkie has found a problem with our maps on the application and has sent updates to fix those.
Johnny McKenzie	Sandhill Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	johnny.mckenzie@mysandhill.net	(843)658-9002	Charter Communications, Inc.	CHR-LU	Laurens and Union Counties Broadband Expansion Project	According to the ARPA 3.0 Guidelines on page 9 item 15, the ISP has to provide a Low-Cost internet plan with unlimited data. In Section 1.6 - Low-Cost Plan of the CHR-LU application, Charter answered "NO" to the question "Does the above speed tier include unlimited data?", which seems to conflict with the requirement set by the ARPA 3.0 Grant Guidelines.
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Tom McCabe	TDS Telecommunications LLC (TDS)	thomas.mccabe@tdstelecom.com	(850)570-9773	Comcast Cable Communications, LLC	BER-01	Comcast-2024-BSO-BERKELEYCO	<p>TDS Telecommunications, LLC, (TDS Telecom) hereby file these comments regarding Comcast's application, project number BER-01, name Comcast 2024-BSO-BERKELEYCO. St. Stephen's Telephone Company serves portions of Bonneau.</p> <p>Comcast's application number BER-01, overlaps 43 Enhanced-ACAM locations and 45 units. TDS Telecom has a federal obligation to build out these locations to 100/20. TDS Telecom will build fiber to these locations offering symmetrical GIG service. As required by the Enhanced-ACAM program TDS must and will actively assist in efforts to prevent duplicative broadband funding to ensure fiscal responsibility of federal funds.</p> <p>Similar to removing RDOF locations from receiving grant funding to prevent overbuilding and ensuring fiscal responsibility of federal funds, TDS believes the service locations that have are part of TDS Telecom's Enhanced-ACAM build requirements should be removed from the grant and not provided ARPA funding.</p>