



Public Service Commission of Wisconsin

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From: Wisconsin State Broadband Office

To: Persons Interested in the Broadband Expansion Grant Program

Re: FY 2017 Broadband Expansion Grants 5-BF-2017

Notice of Public Comment Period

On June 16, 2016, the Commission received 37 applications for a FY 2017 Broadband Expansion Grant. The applications that the Commission received are listed in Attachment 1.

Notice is given that the Commission will provide a period of time for interested persons to file comments either in support or in opposition to the grant applications that have been submitted. In the application instructions for this grant cycle, the Commission announced that the public comment period would run from June 17, 2016, to July 8, 2016. **Public comments regarding the FY 2017 Broadband Grant applications are due at the Commission no later than 4:00 pm on July 8, 2016.**

Comments filed during this comment period will be available to the screening panel when it meets to evaluate the applications. The comments will also be included in the correspondence available to the Commission when it meets to decide which applications should be awarded grants. Any letter of support or other correspondence that was submitted as part of the application or at the same time that the application was filed will be available to the screening panel and Commission, and does not need to be resubmitted during the public comment period.

Comments may be filed by one of three methods listed below.

1. Comments may be submitted by uploading a pdf version of the document to the Commission's Electronic Regulatory Filing (ERF) system. The comments should be addressed to Sandra Paske, Secretary to the Commission, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin. (Telecommunications providers must use ERF to submit comments. Comments from tel. providers submitted by U.S. Mail or fax will be returned.)

Comments can be uploaded to ERF by going to the Commission's website (<http://psc.wi.gov>), select 'ERF,' select 'Upload a Document,' and select 'Existing Docket' under the Public Document heading. The docket number for comments pertaining to FY 2017 Broadband Expansion Grant applications is: 5-BF-2017.

2. Comments may be submitted by text message. Please note that there is a space limit for on-line comments. Generally, comments that are more than approximately two paragraphs in length should be submitted using ERF, as discussed above. To file an on-line comment, go to the PSC's website, select the link for 'Public Comment' on the left, and select the link for FY 2017 Broadband Expansion Grants (5-BF-2017) from the list of dockets available for public comment. When filing on-line comments, please indicate the application, project name, or project location so the comments can be matched to the appropriate filing.
3. Letters of comment from members of the general public may be submitted by the traditional U.S. Postal System. Letters should be addressed to Sandra Paske, Secretary to the Commission, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, P.O. Box 7854, Madison, WI 53707-7854. Legislative staff may use inter-departmental mail to submit comments.

The Commission will only accept public comments. Criticism of applications explicitly or implicitly based upon confidential and other non-public service data will not be given weight in the evaluation process.

Questions regarding the process for filing comments in this proceeding may be addressed to Dennis Klaila at (608) 267-9780 or at dennis.klaila@wisconsin.gov.

Sincerely,

Angie Dickison
Director, Wisconsin State Broadband Office

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Attachment

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List of FY 2017 Broadband Expansion Grant Applications

Applicant	ERF Reference Number
1. Amherst Telephone Company (Town of Hull project)	<u>PSC REF#: 287394</u>
2. Black Earth Telephone Company, LLC d/b/a TDS Telecom (Town of Berry)	<u>PSC REF#: 287285</u>
3. Black Earth Telephone Company, LLC d/b/a TDS Telecom (Town of Vermont)	<u>PSC REF#: 287286</u>
4. CCI Systems, Inc. (Trump Lake project)	<u>PSC REF#: 287364</u>
5. CenturyTel of the Midwest - Kendall, LLC CenturyLink Application #1 - Baraboo project	<u>PSC REF#: 287347</u>
6. CenturyTel of the Midwest - Kendall, LLC CenturyLink Application #2 - Peshtigo project	<u>PSC REF#: 287348</u>
7. Telephone USA of Wisconsin, LLC CenturyLink Application #3 - Berry Lake project	<u>PSC REF#: 287350</u>
8. Telephone USA of Wisconsin, LLC CenturyLink Application #4 - Colfax project	<u>PSC REF#: 287351</u>
9. CenturyTel of the Midwest - Kendall, LLC CenturyLink Application #5 - Big Top Chautauqua project	<u>PSC REF#: 287354</u>
10. CenturyTel of the Midwest - Kendall, LLC CenturyLink Application #6 - Hickory Park project	<u>PSC REF#: 287355</u>
11. Chequamegon Communications Cooperative, Inc. d/b/a Norvado	<u>PSC REF#: 287059</u>

12. Chibardun Telephone Cooperative, Indianhead Holsteins
[PSC](#)
[REF#:](#)
[287386](#)
13. ChoiceTel
[PSC](#)
[REF#:](#)
[287416](#)
14. Citizens Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
(Long Lake project)
[PSC](#)
[REF#:](#)
[287262](#)
15. Citizens Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
(Pine Lake project)
[PSC](#)
[REF#:](#)
[287263](#)
16. Town of Delavan, Charter Communications
[PSC](#)
[REF#:](#)
[287383](#)
17. Door County Broadband, LLC
[PSC](#)
[REF#:](#)
[287410](#)
18. Town of Dunn
[PSC](#)
[REF#:](#)
[287404](#)
19. Ethoplex, LLC
(Milwaukee County project)
[PSC](#)
[REF#:](#)
[287411](#)
20. Ethoplex, LLC
(Town of Oconomowoc project)
[PSC](#)
[REF#:](#)
[287407](#)
21. Frontier North Inc.
[PSC](#)
[REF#:](#)
[287337](#)
22. Town of Germantown, Charter Communications
[PSC](#)
[REF#:](#)
[287388](#)
23. Hagar Telecom, Inc. dba BEVCOMM
[PSC](#)
[REF#:](#)
[287232](#)
24. Indianhead Telephone Company dba BEVCOMM
(Island Lake Road project)
[PSC](#)
[REF#:](#)
[287240](#)
25. Iron County Resource Development Association, Inc.,
Gogebicrange.net
[PSC](#)
[REF#:](#)
[287222](#)

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| 26. Lafayette Development Corporation | PSC
REF#:
287205 |
| 27. Marquette-Adams Telephone Cooperative, Inc. | PSC
REF#:
287412 |
| 28. Merrimac Communications | PSC
REF#:
287397 |
| 29. MH Telecom, LLC, City of Dodgeville | PSC
REF#:
287060 |
| 30. Northern Telephone & Data Corp. | PSC
REF#:
287219 |
| 31. Oneida County Economic Development Corporation,
Northwoods Telcommunications Technologies, LLC
Northwoods Connect | PSC
REF#:
287385 |
| 32. Town of Port Washington | PSC
REF#:
287414 |
| 33. Starwire Technologies | PSC
REF#:
287326 |
| 34. 24-7 Telecom, Inc., Town of Red Cedar | PSC
REF#:
287058 |
| 35. Waupaca Online, City of Waupaca | PSC
REF#:
287278 |
| 36. Wittenberg Wireless
Crestwood Elementary School project | PSC
REF#:
287328 |
| 37. Wittenberg Wireless
Village of White Lake project | PSC
REF#:
287408 |