

CPUC Communications Division
CASF Grants
505 Van Ness Ave
San Francisco, CA 94102

**Re: Support for Race Communications CASF Broadband Infrastructure Grant Applications:
“Five Mining Communities” Including the cities of: Red Mountain, Trona, and the
Searles Valley, California San Bernardino County, - Inland Empire Region and including
the cities of Johannesburg, and Randsburg Kern County, California, - Eastern Sierra
Region**

I am writing on behalf of SBC Wireless INC. of 82700 Trona Road Trona, California. We are a local Internet Service Provider based out of Trona, CA and offering services in the areas of Kern County, Inyo County and San Bernardino county.

We provide high speed internet services to the local areas offering a range of services for residential and business customers. We are capable of offering speeds from as low as 5 Mbps download and 1 Mbps upload up to dedicated carrier class up to 2 Gbps.

I would like to formally state for the record that we are opposed to the grant application for Race Communications for the Five Mining Communities. These areas are far from being under service and would be a poor use of the CASF funds. Granting Race Communications CASF funds for this area would only insure a fourth internet service provider to the area and ultimately cause the displacement of SBC Wireless and other small operators from conducting business as a internet service provide and also displacing the employee of SBC Wireless with out employment in a area with a higher than average unemployment rate. Current SBC Wireless employees would ultimately be forced out of the local area to other cities that offer better employment opportunities.

Currently the areas that have been identified are being service by internet service providers. Trona, Ca currently has three internet service provides offering high speed internet services. Verizon wireless currently offers DSL service for residential and business with speeds up to 35 Mbps. They also offer dedicated fiber connections for business if desired and has a fiber network extending to Ridgecrest, CA. The Trona School District is currently being serviced with a 100 Mbps fiber connection through Verizon through the E-Rate funding.

SBC Wireless currently completed a 1 Gbps dedicated fiber connect to provide the local area with high speed services. We have also been granted a new tower location in Ridgecrest, CA were we currently have a dedicated 1 Gbps fiber connection to provide residential and business services. SBC Wireless is also currently finishing the completion of our dedicated 10 Gbps fiber connection from Los Angles, CA.

Below you can review our current residential service packages and pricing we have in place for our local area. I have also included a coverage map of the local area that SBC Wireless covers and can provide services up to 2 Gbps dedicated carrier class services.

I hope you will take into consideration the information brought forth to you when making your decision on Race Communications grant application for a area that currently being well service with internet service and multiple internet service providers in the area.

Internet Services offered by SBC-Wireless Inc.

Basic Internet

- 5 Mbps Download
- 1 Mbps Upload
- \$59.99 per month

Basic Plus

- 7 Mbps Download
- 2 Mbps Upload
- \$89.99 per month

Prime

- 10 Mbps Download
- 3 Mbps Upload
- \$99.99 per month

Advanced

- 15 Mbps Download
- 5 Mbps Upload
- \$109.99 per month

Extreme

- 25 Mbps Download
- 10 Mbps Upload
- \$149.99 per Month

Thank You for your time,

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