



## Plumas-Sierra Telecommunications

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Robert Osborn  
Director, Communications Division  
California Public Utilities Commission  
505 Van Ness Avenue, Third Floor  
San Francisco, CA 94102-3298

***RE: Challenge of Plumas-Sierra Telecommunications to the Middle-Mile Portion of the Frontier CASF Broadband Infrastructure Grant Application - Herlong-Janesville FTTP Project***

Dear Director Osborn,

Plumas-Sierra Telecommunications (PST) hereby submits a challenge of the middle-mile portion of the California Advanced Services Fund Infrastructure Grant Application of Citizens Telecommunication Company of California Inc. d/b/a Frontier Communications of California (U-1024-C) submitted to the Commission on May 4, 2020.

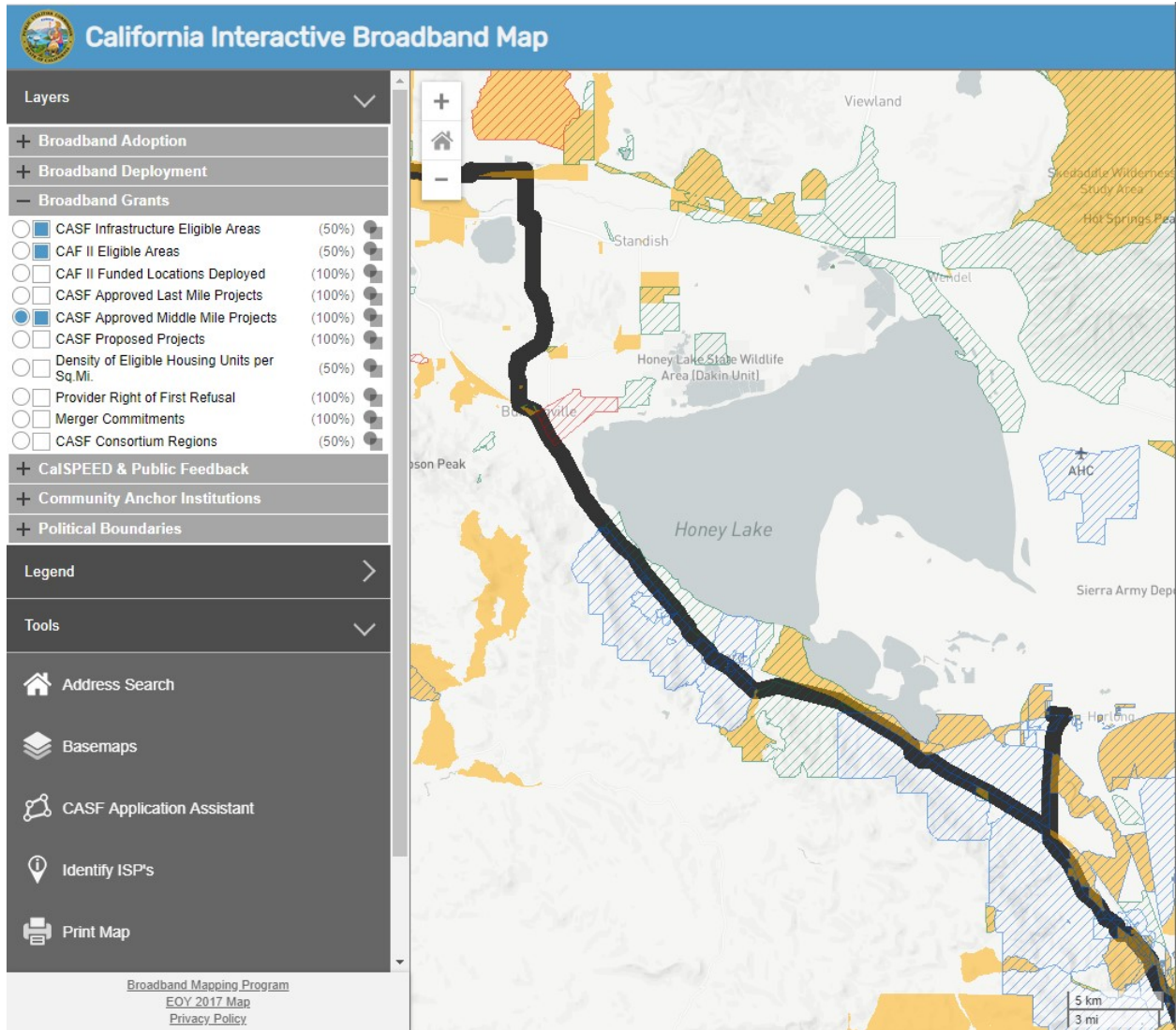
Plumas-Sierra Telecommunications owns existing middle-mile fiber-optic facilities in the area, as displayed on the California Interactive Broadband Map. (For reference, a view of the map showing PST's existing middle-mile infrastructure is included on the following page and a map of Frontier's proposed infrastructure is also attached for comparison.) PST already provides wholesale services via its existing middle-mile fiber-optic infrastructure with high-quality and reasonable price levels. Frontier Communications is aware of this fact as they already contract with PST to supply services in the region via our fiber-optic infrastructure. There is no logical need for the CPUC to award grant funds to a national telecommunications company in order to construct a duplicate middle-mile section when fiber-optic infrastructure and service already exists in the area and is provided by a local California-based company. Based on the above, we respectfully request the CPUC deny funding the middle-mile portion of Frontier Communications' grant application.

If there are any questions regarding this challenge, please contact Corby Erwin at [cerwin@psrec.coop](mailto:cerwin@psrec.coop) or 530-832-6034.

Respectfully,

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PST's Existing Middle-Mile Infrastructure, as shown on the California Interactive Broadband Map:



Frontier's Proposed Middle-Mile Infrastructure, which overlaps PST existing infrastructure:

