

Your Town Online, Inc

June 7, 2020  
Robert Osborn Director, Communications Division  
California Public Utilities Commission  
505 Van Ness Avenue, Third Floor  
San Francisco, CA 94102-329  
Re: Hunter Communications - Mendocino County Project 1

Dear Director,

I am respectfully submitting the following opposition comments regarding the above titled CASF application on behalf of Your Town Online Inc, Rural Broadband Now! LLC, and WillitsOnline.

With all due respect to Hunter Communications and for the ambition and vision to embark on such a proposed project, we nevertheless oppose the entire application due to 1) Complete proposal duplicates existing served areas, 2) an unrealistic size and scope of project that exceeds existing and available CASF program funds and very likely the financial capability of Hunter Communications itself, and 3) an apparent design that was not done on the ground and ignores environmental facts of certain routes, which would preclude completely '100% underground fiber' as Hunter claims. For example, Highway 162 from Highway 101 to Covelo, is mostly rock and is not conducive to 40 miles of underground drilling.

We understand that Hunter had good intentions and was not aware of the service status of these areas prior to crafting their application. However, the lack of prior broadband service data from WillitsOnline and Rural Broadband Now did give the appearance of unserved areas which the commission is welcome to follow up on in considering this opposition.

For any further questions regarding this challenge, please reply via email to:

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Thank you.

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