
IOWA UTILITIES BOARD
Telecommunications Section

Docket No.: ETA-2014-0005
Utility: Skybeam, LLC
File Dates: May 15, 2015
Memo Date: June 10, 2015

TO: The Board

FROM: Dennis Rosauer

SUBJECT: Petition for Amended Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Service Area

I. Background

On March 9, 2015, the Iowa Utilities Board (Board) issued its Order Designating Carrier and Granting Waiver for Skybeam LLC. An attachment to the order was a list of the census blocks where the eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) designation would apply.

On May 15, 2015, Skybeam LLC filed an amendment to the list. Skybeam LLC requests that one additional census block that was mistakenly omitted from Skybeam LLC's initial filings be included in the list of approved census blocks. The census block's designation is 190370701003068.

II. Legal Standards

Rule 199 IAC 39.3(3)(d) concerns amendments to ETC designation. The rule states:

d. Other amendments. Where a telecommunications carrier that has been designated by the board as an ETC intends to serve as an ETC in a new service area for the purpose of receiving support from the CAF Phase II auction or for other similar purpose, or after a telecommunications carrier has acquired a new service area pursuant to a transaction not subject to the provisions of Iowa Code 476.20, the carrier shall file a notice of expansion or acquisition 30 days in advance of the expansion or acquisition and shall certify that the carrier intends to amend its designation to serve as an ETC in the expanded service area.

III. Analysis

Skybeam LLC has been designated as an ETC. Skybeam LLC's service area encompassed over 900 census blocks that were included in its initial filing. Skybeam LLC states that one census block was overlooked and requests that this census block be included in the list of covered census blocks. Skybeam LLC further states that this census block was included in the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) December 5, 2014, Public Notice regarding the FCC's Rural Broadband Experiment program¹. The amendment to Skybeam LLC's designated service area should be approved.

IV. Recommendation

Attached for the Board's consideration is an order approving Skybeam LLC's request to amend its eligible telecommunications carrier designated service area by the inclusion of the census block stated on the Attachment.

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Attachment

¹ See the FCC's DA 14-1772 at <https://www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/rural-broadband-experiments>.

Attachment A

Skybeam LLC
Amendment to Initial Service Area List

Additional Census Block

190370701003068