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by **Bob Randall** in **Public Comment** id. 18950167
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Are you responding on behalf of an organization? **No**

Which of the following best describes you?
(Check all that apply) **Resident in proposed service area
Business leader in proposed service area
Elected or Government official
Other**

Please describe **Information Technology Professional**

I am providing comments related to the following application (choose one): **DLS Enterprises + Argonia&Norwich FTTH**

I am submitting comments to express **Support for a project**

Please provide your comments in the text box below.

As a resident, community leader, and IT professional, I use and assist many people in the use of Internet technology in this proposed location. I am also the IT Director for the Argonia Public School USD 359. Our current primary provider is providing well at this time, but the pricing has gone up while the technology is reaching its limitations, especially to the residents of our communities. The proposed fiber technology will set the stage to meet future requirements of business, education, communication, and entertainment.

I do not want the current primary provider to be replaced. On the contrary, I think the competition will be good for pricing structure and help offer better options for the residents in this area. At this time, there is only one quality option and the residents are forced to either struggle with inadequate connections or pay much higher pricing. But the quality connections currently offered are still utilizing copper wire technology, which as stated before, is reaching its limits. The DLS proposal will improve the quality of life options and improve our community in several directions. This obviously is increasingly important as more and more people seek residential locations where they can work from home offices and/or seek other opportunities in a quality rural setting.

Please provide supporting documents relative to your comments. Please submit multiple files as a ZIP file.

n/a

Bob Randall

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Title **0020** 01/22/2021
by **Tara Pierce** in **Public Comment** id. 18950047
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Are you responding on behalf of an organization? **Yes**

Please provide the name of the organization and address for which you are submitting comments: **City of Argonia**

Which of the following best describes you? (Check all that apply) **Resident in proposed service area**

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I think DLS has provided excellent communication to our community and areas that will be effected if they are approved for the grant. They have worked hours and hours of putting together a lot of information in which they have publicly spoke to members of the Mayor, Council and Citizens of the City of Argonia. This Grant would help provide a MUCH needed service to this small community. Being in a rural area we often find our services that we currently have are not always reliable. With DLS stepping up to ensure every household in the area will be able to have this opportunity for the services they can provide at an affordable rate we find his desire to help our community and surrounding area for a much needed service. We hope that you will consider them for this grant as we know they are a dedicated business out to service for the better of our community.

Please provide supporting documents relative to your comments. Please submit multiple files as a ZIP file.

[project_snapshot.docx](#)

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Tara Pierce 1/22/2021

DLS Enterprises, LLC

Rural Broadband Initiative

Project Overview

for consideration of business owners, municipalities, residents, schools & organizations:

Broadband Acceleration Grant: Connecting Kansans to opportunity

The Broadband Acceleration Grant Program seeks to invest \$5 million towards bridging the digital divide in Kansas. The program can pay up to 50% of the eligible costs for a qualifying project, up to \$1 million, to fund projects that provide access to high-quality, reliable broadband throughout Kansas with priority given to applications that address unserved areas, economically distressed communities and areas of compelling need.

DLS Enterprise's project will be to deploy Fiber To The Home (FTTH) in 4 rural communities (Argonia, Norwich, Milton, Suppesville), in 3 separate counties of southern Kansas (Kingman, Harper & Sumner) as well to deploy fiber in the rural areas of all three counties along the way. The plan will to bring a broadband connection from Rural Harper Co. to Argonia, build FTTH in Argonia, deploy fiber out of Argonia, going north on Argonia Road, toward Norwich taking a rural route to encompass as many rural homes, farms and business along the way, connecting homes and businesses in Milton, Suppesville and landing in Norwich to build FTTH for a completion on or before the deadline. DLSE has seen a need in the communities and wants to help bridge the digital divide in the well under-served areas that we are identifying.

Our organization has identified it as an underserved area for the lack of broadband capabilities that are currently supplied. We have had some outreach from the communities as well as businesses with support for this project to happen. We feel as though this is unlikely to be served without grant funding due to the lack of interest in the current internet providers within these areas. Flexibility in infrastructure paths will be paramount as we consider the service to those along the initial project route. Rural residences will be included in this project.

The population in all 4 communities, is relatively small which makes this build slightly unattractive to larger broadband companies and put such communities at a disadvantage to get such services deployed.

Levels being offered will be competitive and are as follows:

\$59.95 25 Mbps (download) 10 Mbps (upload)

\$79.95 50 Mbps (download) 15 Mbps (upload)

\$94.95 100 Mbps (download) 25 Mbps (upload)

Title **0066** 01/31/2021

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Are you responding on behalf of an organization? **Yes**

Please provide the name of the organization and address for which you are submitting comments: **Haviland Broadband**

Which of the following best describes you?
(Check all that apply) **Internet provider in proposed service area**

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DLS Enterprises + Argonia&Norwich FTTH

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Concerns regarding a project

I am sharing concerns the project:

Proposes to serve an area that already has service

Please provide your comments in the text box below.

Haviland Broadband currently makes 25M/5M service available to 100% of the proposed fiber route. This statement is supported by publicly available 477 data dated 12/31/2019, our online web tool that offers products based on a customers specific location, CERG program documents already in possession of Kansas Department of Commerce, and proprietary subscription data by location.

Please provide supporting documents relative to your comments. Please submit multiple files as a ZIP file.

[Haviland_Broadband_Comment_on_DLS_fiber.zip](#)

Diane M Thompson

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Title **0059** 01/29/2021

by **Jill Kuehny** in **Public Comment** id. 19042814

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Are you responding on behalf of an organization? **Yes**

Please provide the name of the organization and address for which you are submitting comments: **KanOkla Networks 100 KanOkla Avenue Caldwell, KS 67022-0111**

Which of the following best describes you? (Check all that apply) **Internet provider in proposed service area**

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The proposed plan travels through our existing member area that we serve with gig-speed fiber connection to every home and farm. The proposal narrative is vague but could be interpreted to build into our service area within 2 miles either side of their transport fiber route. This would overbuild KanOkla's fiber-fed ILEC area of Danville, KS.

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[KanOkla_Networks_existing_fiber_in_Danville_KS.pdf](#)

Jill Kuehny

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KanOkla Networks Existing Fiber-Fed ILEC Area of Danville, KS

KanOkla Networks existing fiber-fed ILEC area is the pink shape file shown. The proposed route begins west of Danville and travels through it with potential to overbuild. The plan description says it begins east of Danville. More clarification is needed on whether this is transport through Danville or if it include plans to build to customers within 2 miles either side of the route.

