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I am providing response comments related to the following application (choose one): **SCTelcom Pratt County 2**

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Please describe: **SCTelcom CONCURS with IdeaTek's comments regarding scalability and the long term value of the investment in fiber when providing broadband in Kansas.**

Please provide your response to the public comments received in the text box below.

**We concur with IdeaTek's statements in support of our application to serve rural Pratt County and Preston. 'Fiber optic infrastructure is the ONLY scalable, long-term infrastructure investment' that can be made to stop the cycle of errant investments that are in reality only chasing the promise to provide sufficient and reliable access to the internet. IdeaTek acknowledges and SCTelcom concurs that their own investment in fixed wireless is a 'short term investment' when fiber investment is not otherwise obtainable. Further, IdeaTek acknowledges and SCTelcom concurs the CERG Grant Project #54 does overlap a 'significant' portion of SCTelcom's proposed service area, yet fixed wireless service is not capable of addressing the long-term needs and demands of the consumers therein. If constructed, SCTelcom's fiber infrastructure will help prevent oversaturation of the fixed wireless base stations, which would otherwise reduce the fixed wireless service to another on a long list of broadband consumer disappointments that, if nothing else, the recent pandemic has proven.**

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

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**Carla Shearer February 8, 2021**

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