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I am providing response comments related to the following application (choose one): **Ideatek - Sedgwick County**

I am responding to concerns this project: **Proposes to serve an area likely to be served without grant funds because plans are in place to serve this area, although construction has not yet begun
Proposes to serve an area that already has service**

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

In response to public comment #63, IdeaTek would suggest that feasibility studies and engineered construction drawing progress be provided from this provider as further evidence, as it is likely these steps would have been taken if build out in the next 12 months was planned. We would highly suggest confirmation of this deployment timeline as we find these claims suspect, given the likelihood of limited profitability of these areas. Additionally, it's important to note that SKT is concerned that this is an area that is already served, but they do admit in the public comment concerning this project that "these locations do not have access to reliable broadband service, limiting or eliminating opportunities for remote work and education, telemedicine, and online commerce transactions"

IdeaTek collected survey data for this proposed project in Sedgwick County, and over 30 surveys were completed. As visible in the attached supporting documents, none of the responses indicate that SKT is providing service in the area.

IdeaTek would make the same suggestions regarding public comment #76. Feasibility studies, engineered construction drawing progress and confirmation of deployment timeline should be requested from this provider as further evidence, as it is likely these steps would have been taken if build out in the next 12 months is planned.

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

[Sedgwick_County_Data_Survey_Responses.xlsx](#)

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