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I am providing response comments related to the following application (choose one): **SKTC\_SOUTHCENTRALKS**

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I am responding to the concern that this project: **Proposes to serve an area that already has service**

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Please describe: **AMG Technology Kansas (dba Nextlink) submitted a challenge to contest the SKTC\_SouthCentralKS application stating that Nextlink currently provides speeds up to 100/20 in the project area.**

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

**SKTC is responding to the challenge submitted by AMG Technology expressing concern for a portion of the SKTC application proposing to serve the rural areas north and west of Clearwater, with up to 2 Gbps symmetrical fiber internet.**

**AMG stated that the area already has 100/20 fixed wireless service in the proposed serving area. While fixed wireless service meets the current 100/20 required service to some of the passings within a defined propagation, the technology is not a ubiquitous solution and therefore falls short of reaching the greatest number of residents and business in SKTC's proposed fiber investment. Fiber is the best solution for the future of broadband.**

**The proposed area is inside SKTC's ILEC exchange boundary which provides a more efficient and accelerated build to these areas. SKTC has a proven track record of building and maintaining a scalable fiber network that provides cutting edge connection speeds (up to 2 Gbps symmetrical) at an affordable rate.**

**We currently partner with federal and state government agencies to provide the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), Lifeline, and Kansas Emergency Rental Assistance benefits, which helps foster digital inclusion in the state of Kansas. We also have a new 'free' offering available to ACP qualified consumers.**

**Through the partnership we have formed with the county and state leaders and representatives, as reflected in our application submission, SKTC will provide the service this area deserves so it can continue to thrive.**

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

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By submitting this form for public comment and evidence to support your comment, you are accepting responsibility for the accuracy of the information submitted and that it is true and correct to the best of your knowledge. You agree to be contacted by the Kansas Office of Broadband Development, Kansas Department of Commerce should the need arise. Furthermore, by making this submission, you understand that Kansas Department of Commerce and the Office of Broadband Development reserve the right to publicly publish your comment and evidence provided. Falsification of information will result in rejection of future public comment submissions and could result legal action. Please type your name and today's date in the text box below.

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