



TWIN VALLEY

Capital Projects Fund Grant Public Comment

Kansas Office of Broadband Development

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TVT Application

"TVT_NORTHCENTRALKS"

Response to Challenge

"0288" by AMG Technology (dba Nextlink)

Comments

Twin Valley is responding to the challenge submitted by AMG Technology expressing concern for a portion of the TVT application proposing to serve two rural Bennington areas, in Ottawa and Saline Counties, with up to 2 Gbps symmetrical fiber internet.

AMG stated that the area falls in RDOF and CAF obligated AMG areas. While this is true, AMG's RDOF and CAF awards were based on providing 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 Twin Valley's proposed fiber investment. Fiber is the best solution for the future of broadband.

The proposed area falls within Twin Valley's ILEC exchange with a smaller portion bordering which provides a more efficient and accelerated build to the area. Twin Valley 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 Ottawa County and State leaders and representatives, as reflected in our application submission, Twin Valley will provide the service this area deserves so it can continue to thrive.