



Kansas Office of Broadband Development
1000 SW Jackson, Suite 100
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September 1, 2022

Re: HCI Comments in concern of Vyve – Saline County

To Whom It May Concern:

Home Communications, Inc. (HCI) is responding to the “Vyve” application in Saline County.

HCI currently serves 100% of the Vyve application proposed service area as demonstrated on the attached map. On the “Vyve Challenge with 477 Data” map, the HCI service area is shaded in yellow while the Vyve proposed service area is indicated by the red lines on the map connecting the areas of Smolan, Mentor, Salemsborg and Assaria. As shown, Vyve is requesting funding in an area that HCI already provides 1000/100mbps available service. In addition, HCI is fully capable of providing 10 Gig symmetrical services in the future.

HCI is challenging Vyve’s request for funding in the rural communities of Mentor, Smolan, Salemsborg and Assaria. All of these communities and surrounding rural areas are 100% served by Home Telephone Company, dba HCI. Home Telephone Company is an Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier and sister company to Home Communications, their ISP. Home Telephone Company completed their fiber to the home build in 2012 and has provided high-speed broadband services to their customers at competitive rates since that time. Home Telephone Company completed this build with funding through a traditional loan with the USDA Rural Utility Services program. In addition, since this is an ILEC area, it is maintained and operated with funding from the Federal USF program and State KUSF program. As this attached map indicates this area was reported on the June 30, 2021 FCC 477 filing. This is a public filing available on the FCC site and confirms the speed and fiber facility availability to these locations. Home Telephone Company has approximately 540 customers in this area, including residential, businesses and community anchor institutions. Service addresses can be provided upon request. I have also attached screenshots of our website, identifying the communities we serve and the speed packages available to all subscribers in these areas. These can be verified at www.hci-ks.com. HCI offers ACP and Lifeline resources to all customers in this area.

Home Telephone Company, Inc. and Home Communications, Inc. file all data with the FCC 477 filing under the name of Home Enterprises, Inc. Both companies are 100% owned by Home Enterprises, Inc.

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HCI provides this information to demonstrate that, if funded, 100% of proposed Vyve Saline project will duplicate a federal and state funded fiber facility where HCI will provide speeds of 1000/100mbps at competitive rates.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Becki Regier".

Becki Regier, CEO
Home Communications, Inc.

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