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Are you responding on behalf of an organization?	Yes
Please provide the name of the organization and address for which you are submitting comments:	H&B Cable Service, Inc. (Address above)
Which of the following best describes you? (Check all that apply)	Internet provider in proposed service area

I am providing comments related to the following application (comments must be filed individually for each project):

Brightspeed_Barton

I am submitting comments to express:

Concerns regarding a project

I am sharing concerns about the project:

Proposes to serve an area that already has service

Please provide your comments in the text box below:

In its Capital Project Fund Application for Barton County, Brightspeed states that the proposed service area of the cities of Ellinwood and Claflin lacks reliable access to 100/20 Mbps broadband service. However, H&B Cable Service, Inc. is already a fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) broadband provider to the entirety of the Claflin and Ellinwood telephone exchanges and can provide speeds of up to 1 Gbps / 1 Gbps to all residential customers within the defined area upon reasonable request. In fact, H&B Cable is already providing broadband service of 100 Mbps / 20 Mbps or better to residents and/or businesses in the cities of Claflin and Ellinwood as shown on our website at <https://www.hbcomm.net/internet-claflin-ellinwood-rural/> and on the FCC Form 477. While H&B recognizes that there are often mistakes on the Form 477, this is not one of those instances – H&B is Gigabit certified in both cities.

Therefore, H&B Cable asserts that the proposed service area is entirely served and does not qualify for funding through the Capital Projects Fund. As proof of this, H&B Cable has supplied the KOBD with proprietary fiber maps for the Cities of Claflin and Ellinwood, product data sheets for the equipment used on H&B Cable's fiber network, and a Professional Engineer Certification stating that our network meets and exceeds the requirements to consider the proposed service area as served. If necessary, H&B Cable can provide speed tests for its current subscribers as additional documentation. Lastly, H&B would like to point out that the fiber network built to serve the Claflin Exchange, which includes the City of Claflin, was largely funded by the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) in 2010. Overbuilding that network would be a waste of funds that could be better invested in a truly unserved area in Kansas.

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