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Public Comment Form

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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: **Wheat State Telephone (dba Wheat State Technologies), P.O. Box 320, Udall KS 67146**

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):

Butler Rural Electric Cooperative Association_20015_(Project 3)

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:

Butler Rural Electric Cooperative Association (Project 1-4). Various parts of the Butler RECA application overlap the WST ILEC area which has had a FTTP network build out since 2014. Wheat State Telephone built and operates a FTTP network in 2014 with funding from RUS and has provided service to customers of this area since 2014. The attached pdf files show our FTTP service area (outlined in red) and the overlap of the Butler REC applications (light gray area) that is within the red outlined area. I have also included a Kansas Corporation Commission map that shows our ILEC area and USDA ReConnect Program map, which both show the area currently served by our FTTP network. All broadband pricing and coverage for these ILEC areas are available online at: <https://wheatstate.com/internet/> . Specific areas of concern for each Butler REC application are outlined below.

Butler Rural Electric Cooperative Association (Project 3)
In this application, Butler REC overlaps some of our served FTTP network on the west, south and east side of our Cassoday service area. The Butler application overlaps our Potwin service area on the east. And also overlaps the west side of our Matfield Green service area. WST has provided FTTP for our served area since our network was built in 2014. Attached is our KCC exchange boundary map which shows the areas we provide FTTP service (inside the red outlined area) and the gray area overlap within the red area shows the Butler REC application area.

Butler Rural Electric Cooperative Association (Project 4)
In this application, Butler REC overlaps some of our served FTTP network on the north and east side of our Potwin service area. WST has provided FTTP for our served area since our network was built in 2014. Attached is our KCC exchange boundary map which shows the areas we provide FTTP service (inside the red outlined area) and the gray area overlap within the red area shows the Butler REC application area.

Upload supporting documentation - multiple files should be submitted as a .ZIP file.

Greg Reed

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