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by **Donna Van Allen** in **Capital Projects Fund (CPF) Broadband Infrastructure Program: Phase Two Public Comment Form** id. 32061013

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Are you responding on behalf of an organization? **Yes**

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Please provide the name of the organization and address for which you are submitting comments: **SKT, 112 S. Lee Avenue, Clearwater, Kansas 67026**

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Which of the following best describes you?  
(Check all that apply) **Internet provider in proposed service area**

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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)**

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I am submitting comments to express:

**Concerns regarding a project**

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I am sharing concerns about the project:

**Proposes to serve an area that already has service  
Proposes service to an area in which construction is already underway**

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Please provide your comments in the text box below:

**SKT is submitting information to show that it provides broadband service in areas targeted by the “Butler Rural Electric Cooperative Association (Project 3)” Capital Project Fund Grant application.**

**In the Public Project Proposal, Butler Rural Electric Cooperative Association indicates that it would serve the cities of Leon, Rosalia, and Severy.**

**SKT is in the process of upgrading facilities in the Leon, Severy, and Rosalia communities which will be complete within the next 3-8 weeks. These upgrades make the Butler Rural Electric Association grant application dollars unnecessary and allows funding to be focused on areas with greater need.**

#### **SKT Leon Upgrade**

**SKT provides 150/15 Mbps Cable Modem service within the community of Leon. In total, more than 290 homes/businesses are passed by SKT in which overlaps the proposed Butler Rural Electric Cooperative Association area.**

**SKT will be upgrading its Leon broadband facilities later this month, allowing us to provide 150/20 Mbps service, which meets and exceeds the 100/20 Mbps broadband speed requirement for the Capital Project Fund Grant.**

#### **SKT Rosalia Upgrade**

**SKT is in the final stages of a fiber upgrade in Rosalia, with mainline construction complete, and splicing near completion. Customer installations will begin in the next 6-8 weeks, allowing 80 homes/businesses access to 2 Gbps symmetrical fiber broadband.**

#### **SKT Severy Upgrade**

**SKT provides 1 Gbps/15 Mbps Cable Modem service within the community of Severy. In total, more than 130 homes/businesses are passed by SKT in which overlaps the proposed Butler Rural Electric Cooperative Association area.**

**SKT will be upgrading its Severy broadband facilities later this month, allowing us to provide 1 Gbps/20 Mbps service, which meets and exceeds the 100/20 Mbps broadband speed requirement for the Capital Project Fund Grant.**

**SKT offers competitive rates and partners with federal and state government to provide the Affordable Connectivity Program, Lifeline, and Kansas Emergency Rental Assistance benefits, to help foster digital inclusion in the state of Kansas.**

By submitting the Public Comment Form (the "Form") and any supporting evidence, you attest that all information furnished is true and accurate to the best of your knowledge and that any attachments are free of malware or viruses. You also acknowledge that falsifying any information could result in legal action against you and will bar you from submitting public comments to this web site in the future.

**Donna Van Allen**

You authorize the Kansas Office of Broadband Development, Kansas Department of Commerce (KOBD) to contact you if further information is needed. You expressly acknowledge and consent to some personal information, including your name, address, phone, e-mail, organization you represent, and comments, being posted for public view on the Kansas Department of Commerce web site at [www.kansascommerce.gov](http://www.kansascommerce.gov). The KOBD will use its best efforts to redact any personal

identifiable information outside of the above that is not considered in the public domain. By typing your name and date and by submitting the Form, you acknowledge, authorize, and consent to this Public Comment Privacy & Acknowledgments.

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