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

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

AMGTechnology_Kansas_Project_Northeast

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 Proposes service to an area in which construction is already underway

Please provide your comments in the text box below:

Blue Valley Technologies, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Blue Valley Tele-Communications, Inc., respectfully submits this public comment in response to the AMG Technology Kansas Project Northeast proposal, specifically as regards the locations proposed.

Blue Valley Technologies (“BVT “) has undertaken fiber deployment to the Marysville, Bremen, and Hanover communities and has projects actively underway. We will address each community in the following sections.

Marysville, Kansas

In 2021, BVT recognized the need to upgrade our hybrid fiber/coax network in Marysville and made the decision to replace this network with fiber-to-the-premise (“FTTP”) infrastructure. BVT engaged RVW, Inc. to assist in the engineering and design of the project. This project is designed to cover 100% of the locations inside of the Marysville city limits. The fiber project began in February of 2022 and is anticipated to be completed by December of 2023.

Prior to the current fiber project, BVT has a long history in the Marysville community. Beginning in 2016, BVT began deploying fiber to the local schools, hospital, city and county offices, and local businesses. This service offers up to 1Gbps symmetrical broadband to locations along Highway 36, the main business district along Broadway Street, USD 364 campus locations, as well as city and county anchor institutions in close proximity to Highway 36. To date, we have connected fiber to:

- 8 City/County/Emergency offices**
- 1 Library**
- 8 Healthcare facilities**
- 2 Educational facilities**
- 81 Businesses**
- 2 Additional Anchor Institutions**

Bremen, Kansas

On August 23, 2022, the BVT Board of Directors made the decision to complete a fiber build inside the city limits of Bremen. The project will begin on September 6th of 2022 and is anticipated to be completed by the beginning of November 2022. Permits have been issued, and Bremen homes and businesses were notified of the fiber build project on August 25th, 2022.

Prior to the current fiber project, BVT has a long history in the Bremen community. In 2002, BVT deployed fixed wireless broadband to the Bremen community and surrounding area. In 2013, BVT deployed fiber to local businesses.

Hanover, Kansas

In 2021, BVT recognized the need to upgrade our hybrid fiber/coax network and made the decision to replace this network with fiber-to-the-premise (“FTTP”) infrastructure. BVT engaged RWV, Inc. to assist in the engineering and design of the project. This project is designed to cover 100% of the locations inside of the Hanover city limits. On August 30th, 2022, BVT’s parent company, Blue Valley Tele-Communications, Inc., was awarded funding through the USDA ReConnect Program to complete the Hanover, Kansas project.

Prior to the current fiber project, BVT has a long history in the Hanover community. BVT has operated as a broadband provider in Hanover for the last 14 years via hybrid fiber/coaxial broadband. Beginning in 2013, BVT began deploying fiber to the local schools, hospital, and businesses. To date, we have connected fiber to:

- 2 Healthcare facilities**
- 2 Educational facilities**
- 5 Businesses**

Summary

Our FTTP service is capable of delivering 1 Gbps symmetrical service and is designed to move to multi-gig service. BVT will offer the same 4 tiers of service currently available to all locations:

- 50x50 Mbps - \$49.95**
- 100x100 Mbps - \$69.95**
- 150X150 Mbps - \$89.95**
- 1Gx1G - \$129.95**

There are no limitations or data caps on any level of service. A standard installation fee of \$199 will be levied to each new subscriber. Such fees may be reduced during time-limited promotions at the discretion of Blue Valley Technologies.

BVT has clearly demonstrated our commitment to each of these communities. We have deep ties within the communities, working closely with and supporting the anchor institutions, businesses, and residents. As such, BVT challenges AMG’s proposal as it does not

offer additional public benefit and is a duplication of BVT's expense and effort.

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

[AMG_NEKs_Project_PublicComment_PROPRIETARY_Evidence.zip](#)

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