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I am providing response comments related to the following application (choose one):	Comcast_MiamiCounty
I am responding to the concern that this project:	Other
Please describe:	Comcast is providing a response to the Challenge that was filed by Altice to Comcast's Miami County Application.

Please provide your response to the public comments received in the text box below:

Comcast Cable Communications, LLC (“Comcast”) provides the following response to the Kansas Office of Broadband Development (KOBD) regarding Altice’s comments expressing concerns regarding Comcast’s application for Kansas Broadband Infrastructure Program funding for Miami County (“Comcast’s Miami County Application”). Altice desires that KOBD find that Comcast’s proposed fiber build as stated in Comcast’s Miami County Application does not qualify for CPF funding because a portion of Comcast’s fiber build for which Comcast is not seeking CPF funding to construct is in the Spring Hill area that Altice plans to upgrade. Nowhere in its comments, however, does Altice state that it is planning to build or upgrade its network to provide qualified broadband services to the proposed service area in Comcast’s Miami County Application.

As KOBD is aware one of the criteria in determining CPF funding is if the service area for which funding is being sought is already served by another provider that is providing qualifying broadband services to the service area. Altice stated that it is “enhancing” and “upgrading” its network in Spring Hill. Spring Hill is not the service area that is the subject of Comcast’s CPF funding request. Altice states, however, that “there are no Optimum addresses inside the Comcast proposed service area.” KOSB must conclude that by Altice’s own admission that there is no overlap between Altice and Comcast in the service area as stated in Comcast’s Miami County Application. Altice’s upgrade in Spring Hill will not bring qualifying broadband services to any of the residents or businesses that are the subject of Comcast’s Miami County Application.

In fact, Altice’s comments seem to be concerned only with its current service area in Spring Hill and Comcast’s privately funded network expansion into Spring Hill. As explained in Comcast’s Miami County Application, Comcast is expanding its network to serve Spring Hill with a private capital investment, which also includes private capital funding to buildout a significant area of unserved households in Johnson County.

Altice’s concerns, therefore, appear to be with Comcast entering the Spring Hill market as a competitor and not with the service area stated in Comcast’s Miami County Application. As such, Altice’s concerns should have no impact on Comcast’s Miami County Application to serve households in a service area that will remain unserved without the award of the requested grant.

Please provide supporting documents relative to your comments. Please submit multiple files as a ZIP file.

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By submitting this form for public comment and evidence to support your comment, you are accepting responsibility for the accuracy of the information submitted and that it is true and correct to the best of your knowledge. You agree to be contacted by the Kansas Office of Broadband Development, Kansas Department of Commerce should the need arise. Furthermore, by making this submission, you understand that Kansas Department of Commerce and the Office of Broadband Development reserve the right to publicly publish your comment and evidence provided. Falsification of information will result in rejection of future public comment submissions and could result legal action. Please type your name and today's date in the text box below.
