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Applicant Response Form

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I am providing response comments related to the following application (choose one): **AT&T Franklin**

I am responding to the concern that this project: **Other**

Please describe: **In challenge 0327, Twin Valley notes that it also has applied for funding to serve this area.**

Please provide your response to the public comments received in the text box below: **AT&T has the latest technology and the most experience in connectivity. In fact, we have over 140 years of experience in designing, deploying and operating communications networks all over the world. In Kansas, we have over 1.2 million strand miles of fiber deployed as part of our fiber network that reaches 18 million locations across 21 states.**

Designing and deploying a multi-gigabit fiber broadband network is a complex, custom job. AT&T offers every location multiple service tiers that start at symmetrical 300Mbps and go as high as symmetrical 5 Gigabit. All AT&T Fiber plans include unlimited data, so Franklin County residents in the proposed area have unlimited access to stream, work, and learn. Our 24/7-monitored network ensures our customers have peace of mind while connected.

Our dedication to connectivity expands to communities large and small. At AT&T, we are attuned to the specific needs of each of our projects. Our connections to a variety of suppliers position us better than small scale providers to deliver on our deployment commitments to you on time. We are also positioned to invest federal broadband funding more effectively by contributing our own private capital for matching funds, stretching limited government funds further to reach more locations at less cost to taxpayers. This type of collaboration will be critical especially in underserved remote areas.

AT&T is committed to expanding the availability of broadband into underserved areas and we have a proven record of meeting or exceeding deployment targets. Our goal is to connect more Franklin County residents to high-speed internet capabilities with a reliable network. We have invested more than \$2.8 million in Franklin County from 2019-2021 and look forward to expanding our presence in a community where residents and AT&T employees live, work, and play.

Our commitment to affordable high-speed internet shows in our dedication to our customers. Our new Access from AT&T offer for AT&T Fiber provides symmetrical 100 Mbps service to eligible customers for only \$30/month or free when combined with the Affordable Connectivity Program's \$30 discount. In the past, we were one of the largest participants in the FCC's first CAF II program where we took on the commitment to deploy broadband to high-cost locations in 18 states.

Our work to close the digital divide goes beyond our offerings. We are investing \$2 billion from 2021-2023 to support communities by providing discounted services that keep students and teachers connected. Through AT&T Connected Learning, we are investing in digital inclusion, literacy, learning and employment solutions to help connect today's learners with skills, resources, and opportunities for success in school and in life. In Kansas, we are hosting free digital workshops at workforce development offices, agencies for older citizens, and two rural local libraries - Altoona Public Library and Newton Public Library. We only plan to expand out from here.

Employing trained and skilled employees that live here – in the communities they work in – means they care about building the best networks possible. Our eagerness to get to work and expand connectivity is reflected in our engagement with local communities to find the most effective broadband solutions. Every community is different. Our solutions are tailored to the specific needs of this

community – for today and tomorrow.

We are confident that our qualifications and proposal will be evaluated fairly alongside all other applicants and look forward to working with you to bring high-speed connectivity to Franklin County residents in the proposed project area.

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

n/a

James D. Jamison

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.
