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Kansas Capital Project Fund: Broadband Infrastructure Program Phase II Comments Rebuttal Letter of Support for Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska in the White Cloud area

The Doniphan County Commission formally supports the partnership we have formed with the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska and internet service provider Rainbow Communications in our application for Kansas Department of Commerce Office of Broadband Development's Capital Project Fund: Broadband Infrastructure Program.

Doniphan County, KS encompasses nearly 8,000 residents of which some are members of the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska. Doniphan County supports this Phase II Comments Rebuttal since the challenge made by AMG/NextLink inhibits the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska from building fiber broadband with Rainbow Communications in the City of White Cloud and surrounding area in Doniphan County. Doniphan County is thankful for the Tribe's partnership in helping buildout the northwest corner of the county where White Cloud is located.

Doniphan County along with our aforementioned partners have a four-phase plan to build out fiber broadband throughout the county. The unique tree and bluff terrain in Doniphan County restricts any kind of wireless broadband from working at full capacity and also requires extra finances to build quality broadband. Therefore, FCC RDOF auctions are hard to believe that any company can truly build what they claim for the low cost they submitted. Previously awarded RDOF and CAF companies for Doniphan County territory have falsely claimed speeds and infrastructure which led to incorrect FCC maps, further causing rural areas like Doniphan County to have an extra difficult time with limited resources proving these inadequacies. Non-local broadband companies unfortunately do not understand our problematic situation, terrain and plight. On top of that, tribal lands add another layer of complexity and delicacy.

Doniphan County supports the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska's continued growth through the improvement of fiber broadband expansion throughout their lands and surrounding area in Doniphan County where many of their members and affiliated businesses are located.

We respectfully ask you to heed this rebuttal support letter with sincerity.

Thank you,

Doniphan County Commission