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Broadband Infrastructure Program: Phase Two
Applicant Response Form

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I am providing response comments related to the following application (choose one): **KansasRuralCommunications_Inman**

I am responding to the concern that this project: **Proposes to serve an area likely to be served without grant funds because plans area in place to serve this area, although construction has not yet begun**

Please describe: **Responding to the challenge #0270 from AMG Technology Kansas (dba Nextlink).**

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

There is only one location (location #175) that falls within the areas eligible for CAFII funding (Auction 903). We are willing to take this singular location off the grant application, if needed, but it should not exclude our grant application from consideration, as the singular location comprises less than 1% of the overall project. Any other areas that were eligible for CAFII funding do not overlap with our proposed coverage area.

Any areas shown as covered by AMG through RDOF (Auction 904) are still eligible locations for the Capital Project Fund, as the FCC has not authorized AMG nor directed USAC to begin disbursing payments to AMG for these areas. Citing the FAQ on 8/8/2022 on the Capital Project Funds Broadband Infrastructure web page, “To clarify further, ‘certified award’ means that the FCC has issued a public notice announcing authorization of support for the winning bidder AND directed USAC to begin disbursing payments to the RDOF winning bidder. Additionally, any winning bidder awarded RDOF census block(s) in which the FCC has not issued a public notice announcing authorization of support for the winning bidder AND not directed USAC to begin disbursing payments for, is an eligible area within the CPF Program.”

The USAC map found at <https://data.usac.org/publicreports/caf-map/> provides direct evidence that AMG has not received any funding in the state of Kansas for RDOF. Additionally, as of 9/13/2022, AMG is not included in the ‘Authorized Auction 904 Long-Form Applicants’ spreadsheet on the FCC website (<https://www.fcc.gov/auction/904/round-results>), which further signifies that they are still in the ‘Ready to Authorize’ stage and that USAC has not been directed to begin disbursing funding. This spreadsheet, as well as additional supporting evidence is also included in the attached .zip file.

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

[SupportingDocuments.zip](#)

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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.
