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The Kansas Office of Broadband Development (KOBD) is in the process of developing its BEAD Initial Proposal as required by the NTIA. This initial plan is divided into Volume 1 and Volume 2. Volume 1 includes initial identification of unserved and underserved locations, definition of community anchor institutions, proposed pre-challenge process location modifications, and the model challenge process. Please use this link to review the entire Initial Proposal Volume 1 document, and feedback on Volume 1 will be captured in the text boxes below. The comment portal will be open from August 1, 2023 through August 30, 2023. KOBD will then review all feedback and submit the Initial Proposal to the NTIA. To access a full copy of Volume 1 of the BEAD Initial Proposal along with accompanying documents, please use the links below:

<https://www.kansascommerce.gov/officeofbroadbanddevelopment/broadband-equity-access-and-deployment/>

I am responding to comments related to the following Volume 1 requirements **Requirement 5: Identification of existing unserved and underserved broadband locations**

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We currently have internet through the phone lines. Yes, these are two regular old phone wires just like the 56k modem ones from the 90's running from the telephone post. I know this is almost completely unbelievable these days, but it is true. The only landline provider that is available here is Brightspeed. Apparently Brightspeed and Verizon satellite "own" the rights to this area and no one else is allowed to sell internet in this location. I have called every company around for many years and have always been denied service, even if they claim to have service in our area. If you call them they will not actually sell it. They tell us they are "not allowed" to provide us internet in this location. A specific complaint is that DirectTV can sell us television, but are not allowed to provide internet through the exact same cables. Previous satellite internet from Verizon was unbelievably expensive, worse service than these phone lines, constantly lost connection, was extremely limited (not enough data to even download one piece of purchased software without incurring overage charges) and had very serious lag. It was completely unusable. We resorted to phone line internet, and have had it ever since.

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