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by John Tietjens in Public Comment

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Original Submission

01/19/2021

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Are you responding on behalf of an organization?

Yes

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365 Main Street

Which of the following best describes you? Internet provider in proposed service area

Resident in proposed service area

Business leader in proposed service area

(Check all that apply) Elected or Government official

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

KwiKom Communications - McPherson County

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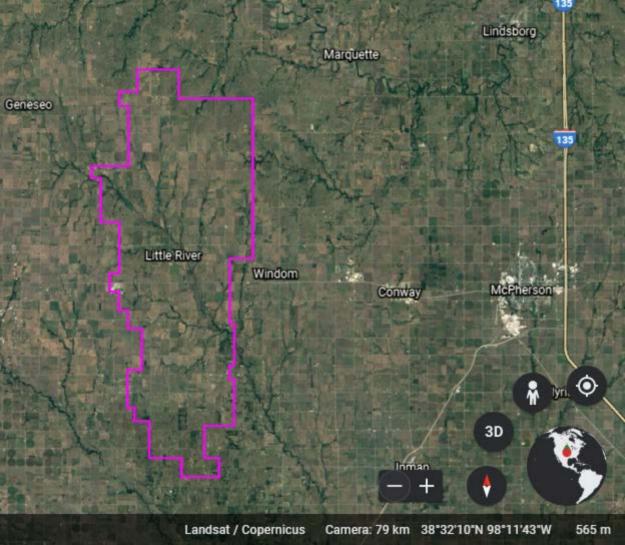
Mutual Telephone Company has been servicing its membership comments in the text since 1905, over the past 116 years we have upgraded the networks to provide up to 1 gigabit download by 500mbps upload speeds to 100% of our serving area inside our attached exchange area. Mutual has served internet to its members since the 1990's and has been offering gigabit speeds over the last several years. Any funding directed towards KwiKom Communication - McPherson County application would be a mishandling of tax payers money and ultimately funding areas that have already been served.

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

MutualTelephoneCompany.PublicComments.KwiKomCommunications-McPherson County.zip

John Tietjens 01.19.2021

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Mutual Telephone Company's Public Comments for Application (KwiKom Communications – McPherson County)

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Little River, KS 67457

Kansas Office of Broadband Development

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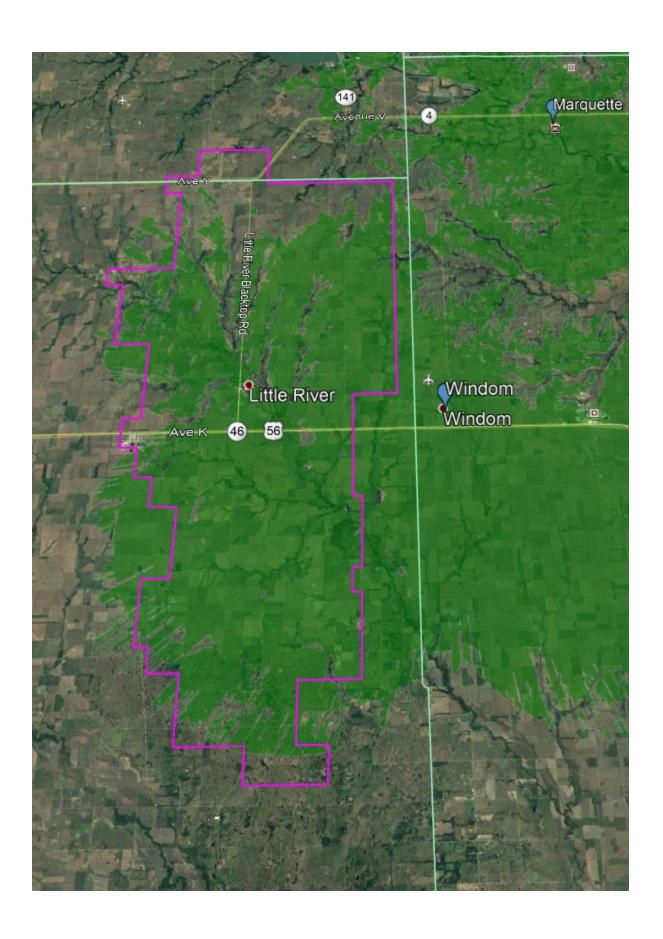
To Whom It may concern:

Mutual Telephone Company was established in 1905 and has been serving its membership well over the last 116 years. It has been offering internet services since the 1990's and has continued to grow and increase its speed offerings over the past several decades. As you will find with our attached maps, our local exchange outlined in purple has been offering fiber optic to homes and business in all areas within the purple outlined exchange area. Mutual built fiber to each premise in 2009 and services high speed broadband and voice to 100% of its customers within the exchange and offers speeds up to 1 gigabit per second download by 500mbps upload and has been doing so for the last several years. Files contained in the Zip file will show our existing coverage areas. As you will see, KwiKom Communications — McPherson County application shows significant overlap onto our exchange that is already well served with gigabit speeds. Any funding allocated to this project would be funding areas that already are considered served.

Any money directed towards (KwiKom Communications – McPherson County) would be a significant misuse of tax payer's money. It would fund an overbuild of existing infrastructure competing directly in an area that has already been deployed. We would be happy to work with Kansas Office of Broadband Development and provide any additional mapping or proof that these areas is well served.

Any level of research would have shown that significant areas of their proposal is already served by fiber optic coverage.

Mapping below shows Mutual Telephone Company's fiber optic gigabitx500mbps internet service area (outlined in Purple) with KwiKom's proposal for wireless service (highlighted in GREEN)



Thank you

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 Title
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 01/26/2021

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Original Submission

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US

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Richard

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Are you responding on behalf of an organization?

Yes

Please provide the name of the organization and address for which you are submitting comments: Home Communications, Inc. and Home Telephone Co., Inc.

Which of the following best describes you? (Check all that apply)

Internet provider in proposed service area

I am providing comments related to the following application (choose one): **KwiKom Communications - McPherson County**

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Concerns regarding a project

I am sharing concerns the project:

Proposes to serve an area that already has service

Please provide your comments in the text box below.

Home Communications, Inc. is a competitive local exchange carrier that provides service in rural McPherson County using fiber to the home technology. Currently, the baseline speed package offered is 40Mbps down and 10Mbps up, with speeds available to all connected homes up to 1Gbps, without needing any additional investment. Form 477 maps, dated 12/31/2019, are currently showing speeds in the outlined areas of 20Mbps down and 10Mbps up. These locations have all been upgraded to the baseline minimum of 40Mbps down and 10Mbps up. Additionally, Home Communications was awarded coronavirus relief funds (CERG) in late 2020, with project completion as 12/31/2020 and these areas are not listed on the 477 maps but are outlined in the attached .kmz files. All the 477 data will be updated with the March 2021 submission. Connected locations within the outlined areas of the attached .kmz files are connected with fiber to the home and a fiber connection is available to all unserved locations within the outlined areas. A PDF is also included that shows our available speed packages and can be found on our website at www.homecomminc.com/services. A fiber route map can be provided to show our connected homes and network if needed.

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Richard Baldwin

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For only \$7.95 per month, the HCI subscriber is fully protected should their HCI wireless router ever need on-site service or replacement. (Program ONLY eligible for HCl 844 Broadband Routers.)

What is COVERED under the "Worry Free" **Program?**

- On-site troubleshooting and router repair or replacement (due to normal router wear and tear, act of God and/or malfunction) is performed free of charge for those who are enrolled in the program prior to the malfunction occurrence.
- Repair or replacement of wiring between the inside wall jack and the router is covered for those enrolled in the program.
- Only routers provided by HCI effective 01/01/16. Anv router previously purchased from HCI is NOT eligible for this program.

What is NOT COVERED under the "Worry Free" Program?

- Router malfunction resulting from negligence, abuse or accident on the part of the program participant. In such cases, normal hourly rate and trip charges will apply and become payable by the program participant.
- Improper self-installation of the router including, but not limited to, improper connections to and/or from the router, incorrect configuration of the router and/or connected device and/or any other like actions on the part of the service subscriber that results in the need for an on-site service call. In such cases, the program participant will be charged normal hourly rate and trip charges.
- Repair or replacement of inside premise wiring that is not directly connected to the Broadband router.
- On-site service visits outside HCI's normal business hours of 8:00am - 4:30pm Monday thru Friday or any recognized holiday or weekends

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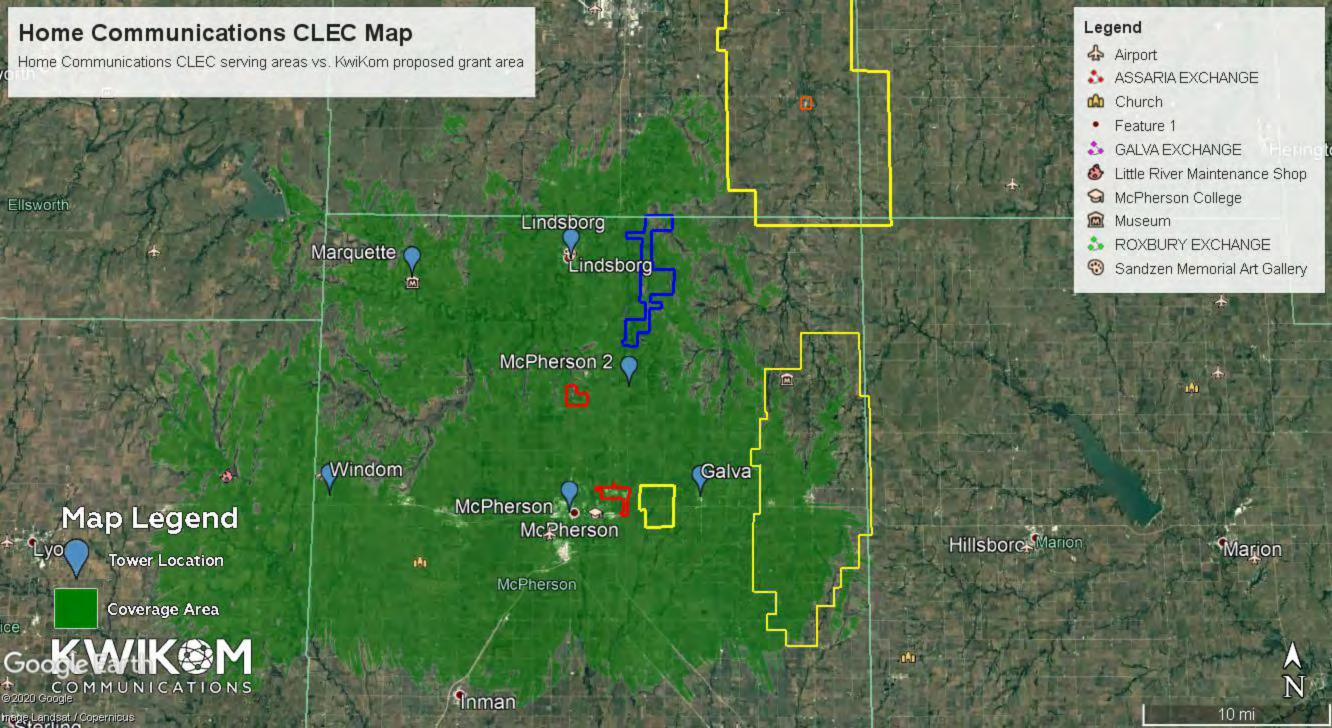
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C & I	221	Outdoor
Lifetime Real Women	223	RFD
Cooking	260	Flix
Discovery Life	262	Movie Plex
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340	Starz	352	Encore
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344	Starz Kids	358	Encore Family
346	Starz Comedy	360	Encore Action
348	Starz Edge	362	Encore Classic

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375	Showtime	385	Showtime Extreme
377	Show2	387	Showtime Beyond
379	Showtime Showcase	389	Showtime Next
381	Showtime Familyzone	391	TMC
383	Showtime Women	393	TMC Extra

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8	KPTS		TŇŤ
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11	Me TV	124	TV Land
12	KWCH	126	TV Land A&E
	KWCH -WX	127	Tru TV FXX
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15	PBS Create		Lifetime
16	Heroes & Icons		Lifetime Movies
	Circle	139	Oxygen
	QVC	141	OWN
	KSAS		Hallmark
	ANT TV		Hallmark Movies & Mysteries
	Comet	144	
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	TBD		HGTV
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Updated: 01/25/2021

ROUTER LEASE & WARRANTY PROGRAM



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Title 01/26/2021 0033

by Richard Baldwin in Public Comment

id. 19004787

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67443 **United States** 6206543381

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Original Submission

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I am submitting comments to express

Concerns regarding a project

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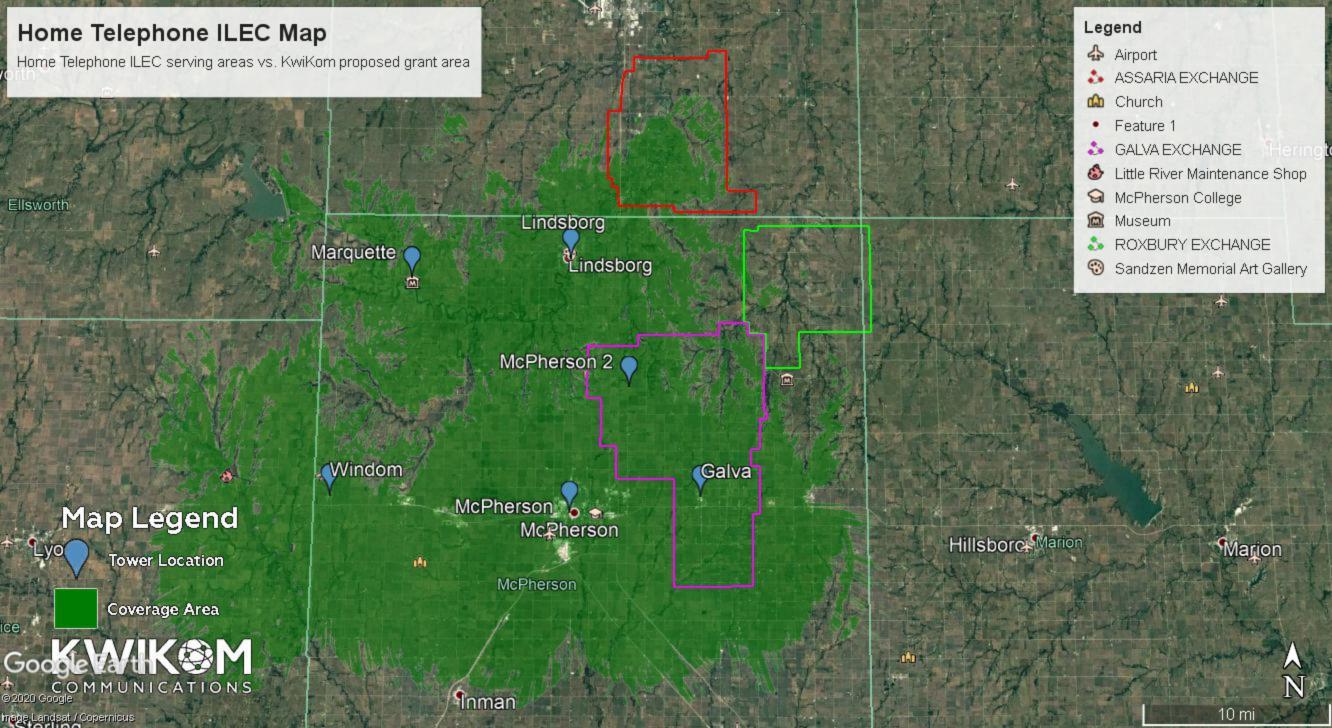
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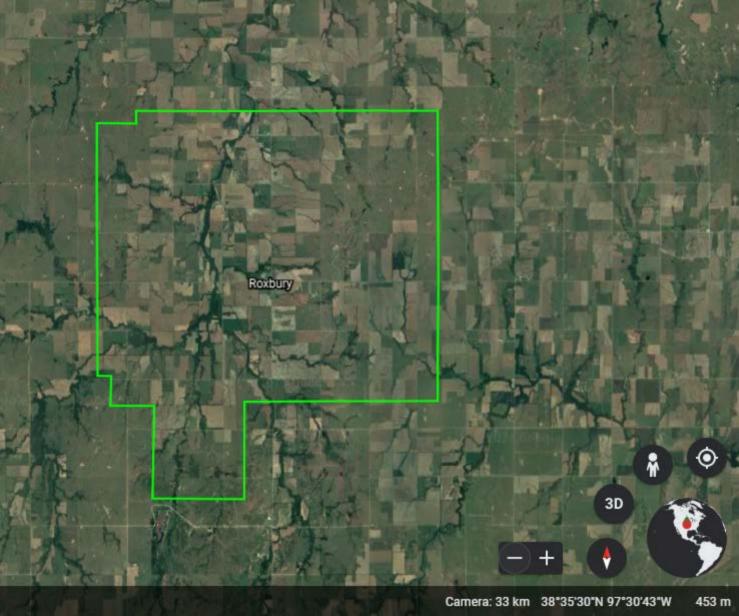
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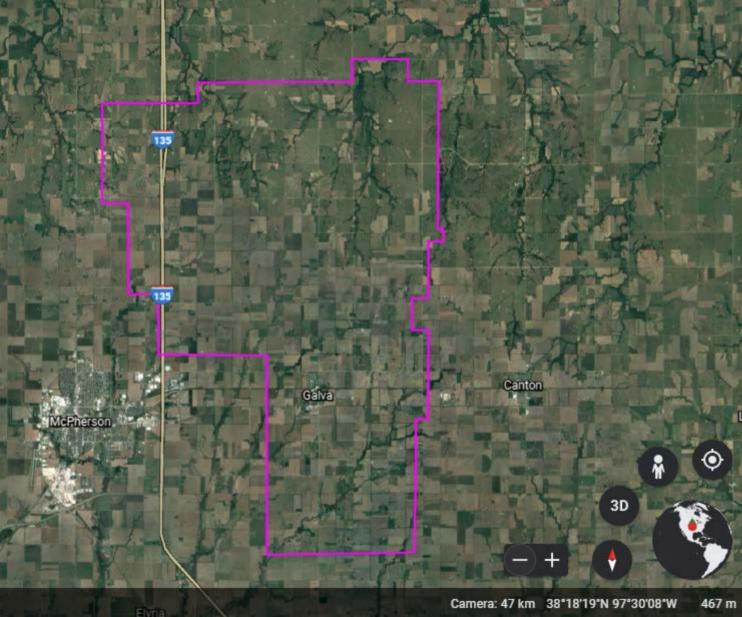
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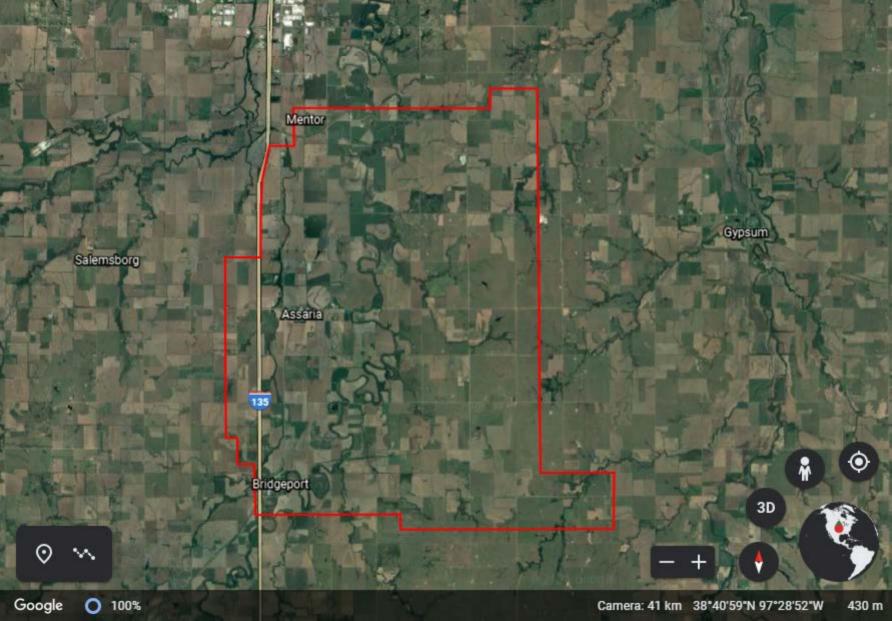
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Title 02/01/2021 0069

by Abby Stockebrand in Public Comment

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02/01/2021

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Are you responding on behalf of an organization?

Yes

Please provide the name of the organization and address for which you are submitting comments:

IdeaTek Telcom, LLC

Which of the following best describes you? (Check all that apply) Internet provider in proposed service area

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

KwiKom Communications - McPherson County

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comments to expres	S

Concerns regarding a project

I am sharing concerns the project: Other

Proposes to serve an area that already has service

Please describe:

We believe it expands to served areas east of McPherson.

Please provide your box below.

IdeaTek submits this information in response to KwiKom comments in the text Communications McPherson grant proposal to the January 2021 Broadband Acceleration Grant. KwiKom's application is deficient, based on the attached factors, compared to IdeaTek's very similar application and it overlaps previously funded areas and areas covered by other providers.

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Abby Stockebrand

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Kansas Broadband Acceleration Grant: Public Comment

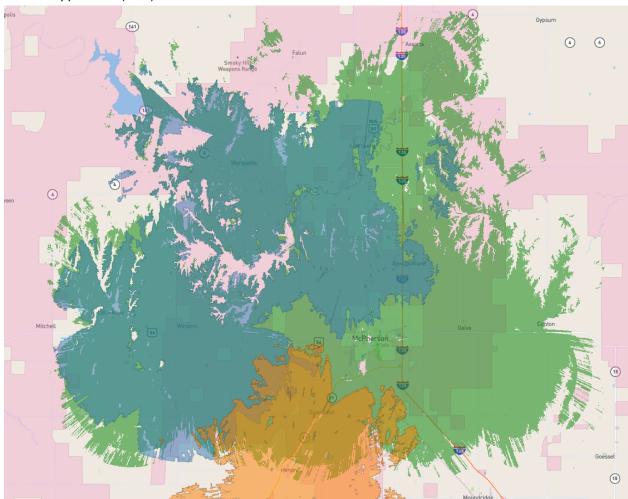
January 29, 2021

Application: KwiKom Communications – McPherson

IdeaTek submits this information in response to KwiKom Communications McPherson grant proposal to the January 2021 Broadband Acceleration Grant.

This application overlaps with a significant portion of IdeaTek's "North" BAG application and its CERG grant award and we attempt to provide differentiating information below:

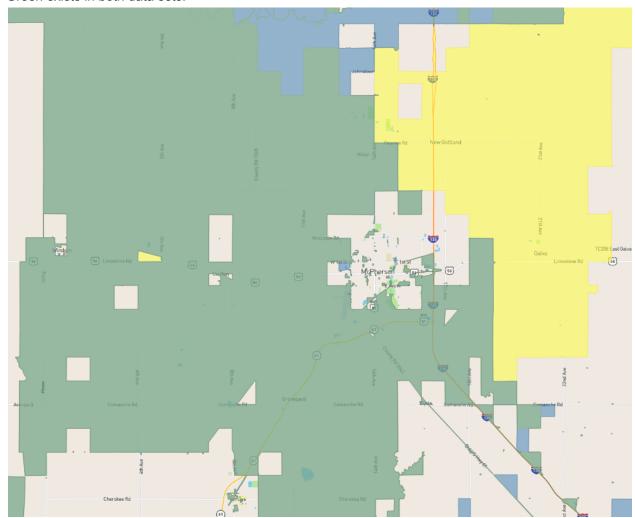
1. In the map below, you will see the overlap (bluegreen) of the KwiKom application (green) and the IdeaTek Application (blue). Pink is the FCC 477 unserved area.



2. Additionally, this application also overlaps IdeaTek's CERG grant #54 (orange). Funding this area would be a duplication of state broadband funding efforts.

4. The only major coverage difference between the two applications is KwiKom's inclusion of an area to the east of McPherson focused over the city of Caton. We believe there was an error in the latest FCC 477 data which left out previous coverage by Home Telephone as noted in the map below:

Blue is only FCC 477 Jun 2019 data. Yellow is only FCC 477 Dec 2019. Green exists in both data sets.



- 5. KwiKom only commits to providing the very-minimum speed while IdeaTek has committed to 100/10 mbps service.
- 6. Finally, we believe, while more expensive, the inclusion of a fiber backbone extension in IdeaTek's competing application to this one is a significant differentiator between the applications. This fiber will build on our CERG deployment contiguously and provide future scalability of the wireless deployments and fiber to the premise for the premise the fiber passes.

Summary

Kwikom's application is deficient compared to IdeaTek's very similar application and it overlaps previously funded areas and areas covered by other providers.

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Original Submission

01/19/2021 Please provide your John **Tietjens** name: Please provide your 365 Main Street address: Little River Kansas 67457 US 6208976200 Please provide a phone number: Please provide your jtietjens@mtc4me.com email contact: Are you responding Yes on behalf of an organization? Please provide the LR Communications, Inc. name of the organization and address for which you are submitting comments: Which of the Internet provider in proposed service area following best describes you? (Check all that apply) I am providing **KwiKom Communications - McPherson County**

comments related to the following application (choose one):

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Concerns regarding a project

I am sharing

Proposes to serve an area that already has service concerns the project: Proposes service to an area in which construction is already underway

Please provide your comments in the text box below.

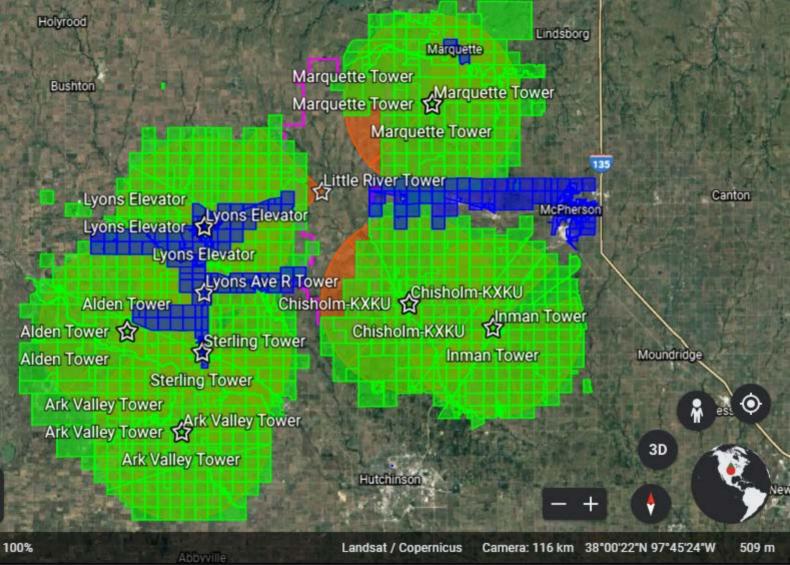
LR Communications, Inc. a wholly owned subsidiary of Mutual Telephone Company has been providing internet service since the 1990's and in McPherson County in particular since 2007. As you will see the 6.30.2020 data submitted to the FCC for the 477 mapping indicates 25mbps download x 5mbps upload in nearly all of the proposed area. In addition, LR Communications has been actively upgrading sites and deploying new locations which is now 80% complete and will be finished by April 1st 2021. This will bring up to 100mbps download x 10mbps upload to the majority of the proposed application as you will see from our mapping. This lays out two strong reasons why funding KwiKom Communications - McPherson County would be a significant misuse of tax payers money and would fund overbuilding areas that have already been deployed.

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

LR Communications.PublicComment.KwiKom-McPherson County.zip

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LR Communications, Inc. Public Comments for Application (KwiKom Communications –McPherson County)

365 Main Street

Little River, KS 67457

Kansas Office of Broadband Development

1.19.2021

To Whom It may concern:

LR Communications, Inc. has been offering internet services since the 1990's and has continued to grow and increase its speed offerings over the past several decades. As you will find with our fiber optic and wireless maps attached, we have already been servicing this area and construction has already been underway over the course of the last 6 months and is planned to be finished by April 1st 2021 to cover the majority of the proposed area and many more areas in addition to KwiKom Communication – McPherson County's application.

Files contained in the Zip file will show our existing coverage areas as well as construction that has been underway over the course of the last 6 months and will be complete by April 1st 2021.

Any money directed towards (KwiKom Communications – McPherson County) would be a waste of tax payers money. It would fund an overbuild of existing infrastructure competing directly in an area that has already been deployed as well as areas currently under construction to be completed in the following months. We would be happy to work with Kansas Office of Broadband Development and provide equipment invoices, tower installation invoices, work orders etc... that proves existing coverages and our progress and timelines to completing our planned construction, which will be completed April 1st 2021.

Our 477 submission for the June 6^{th} 2020 is attached (LR Communications.477.6.30.2020), which shows existing fiber as well as wireless deployments meeting the thresholds, unfortunately the FCC's 477 mapping is older data based off of 12/31/2019 data and does not reflect the most current offerings.

Also attached (LR Communications.Wireless.ConstructionUnderway) is the coverage map containing the current construction that is 80% complete and will be fully completed April 1st 2021.

Thank you

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Title 01/25/2021 0027

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Original Submission

01/25/2021

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Are you responding on behalf of an organization?

Yes

Please provide the name of the organization and address for which you are submitting comments:

Moundridge Telephone Co.

Which of the following best describes you? (Check all that apply)

Internet provider in proposed service area

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

KwiKom Communications - McPherson County

Concerns regarding a project

I am sharing

Proposes to serve an area likely to be served without grant funds concerns the project: because plans are in place to serve this area, although construction has not yet begun

> Proposes service to an area in which construction is already underway

Proposes to serve an area that already has service

Please provide your comments in the text box below.

Moundridge Telephone Co. is an ILEC serving the cities of Moundridge, Goessel, and rural areas in McPherson, Harvey, and Marion Counties. The area in question for grant applicant KwiKom Communications shows wireless coverage within the northwestern portion of the exchange boundary of Moundridge Telephone. Moundridge Telephone elected to participaate in the ACAM program, which is a federally subsidized program. The information below is from the USAC website giving a brief overview of the ACAM program:

ACAM

Established by the 2016 Rate-of-Return Reform Order, the Alternative Connect America Cost Model (ACAM) provides funding to rate-ofreturn carriers that voluntarily elected to transition to a new cost model for calculating High Cost support in exchange for meeting defined broadband build-out obligations. (Carriers that elected ACAM support following the 2016 order, but did not elect the new Revised ACAM offer, continue to participate in the original ACAM program, or ACAM I.) ACAM models the forward-looking economic costs of deploying a high-speed network and delivering broadband service. Carriers that elected this option receive predictable monthly payments to provide voice and broadband service to all funded locations over the program's 10-year support term (2017-2026).

Service Requirements

Carriers that elected ACAM funding must meet the deployment obligations published in the Public Notice authorizing them to receive A-CAM support. These deployment obligations are based on the following service requirements:

Maintain existing voice and broadband service and offer broadband speeds of at least 10 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream (10/1 Mbps) to a number of eligible locations equal to the number of fullyfunded locations (locations for which the carrier receives support for the full cost of build-out)

Offer broadband speeds of at least 25/3 Mbps to a number of eligible locations equal to a certain percentage of fully funded locations depending on the population density of the carrier's service area. For a density threshold of 10 or more locations per square mile, offer speeds of at least 25/3 Mbps to a number of eligible locations equal to at least 75 percent of fully-funded locations by the end of 2026

Deployment Requirements Carriers must offer at least one commercial voice and one commercial broadband service that meet the relevant service requirements, and must meet the following broadband deployment milestones:

Deploy at least 10/1 Mbps service to the number of eligible locations equal to at least 40 percent of fully funded locations by the end of year 4 (2020)

Deploy at least 10/1 Mbps service to the number of eligible locations equal to at least 50 percent of fully funded locations by the end of year 5 (2021)

Deploy at least 10/1 Mbps service to the number of eligible locations equal to at least 60 percent of fully funded locations by the end of year 6 (2022)

Deploy at least 10/1 Mbps service to the number of eligible locations equal to at least 70 percent of fully funded locations by the end of year 7 (2023)

Deploy at least 10/1 Mbps service to the number of eligible locations equal to at least 80 percent of fully funded locations by the end of year 8 (2024)

Deploy at least 10/1 Mbps service to the number of eligible locations equal to at least 90 percent of fully funded locations by the end of year 9 (2025)

Deploy at least 10/1 Mbps service to the number of eligible locations equal to at least 100 percent of fully funded locations, in addition to meeting final deployment obligations to deploy 25/3 Mbps and 4/1 Mbps by the end of year 10 (2026)

Due to the fact that Moundridge Telephone receives federal funding to deploy 25/3 speeds within their exchange, the grant proposed by KwiKom should be excluded for all areas within the Moundridge Telephone exchange boundary. Also note, areas that are noted in the red outlined areas in the attached documents area have been built or will be completed by 2021. Moundridge Telephone has submitted a grant proposal to exceed the 25/3 speeds for "edge out" building while we are constructing the 2021 build. This grant proposal is outside of our exchange boundary, and therefore not eligible for ACAM federal funding.

Attached are the following documents:

- 1. Map containing the exchange boundary for Moundridge Telephone Co. with the KwiKom BAG grant proposed area.
- 2. Location description with address, lat/long and tier level of provided service from Moundridge Telephone.
- 3. Tier level explanation with speeds given to customer.

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Troy Smith 1.25.2021

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Carrier Name: MOUNDRIDGE TEL CO

This record has 0 error(s) and	1 warning(s)
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Speed Tier	Date of Deployment
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Locations	City
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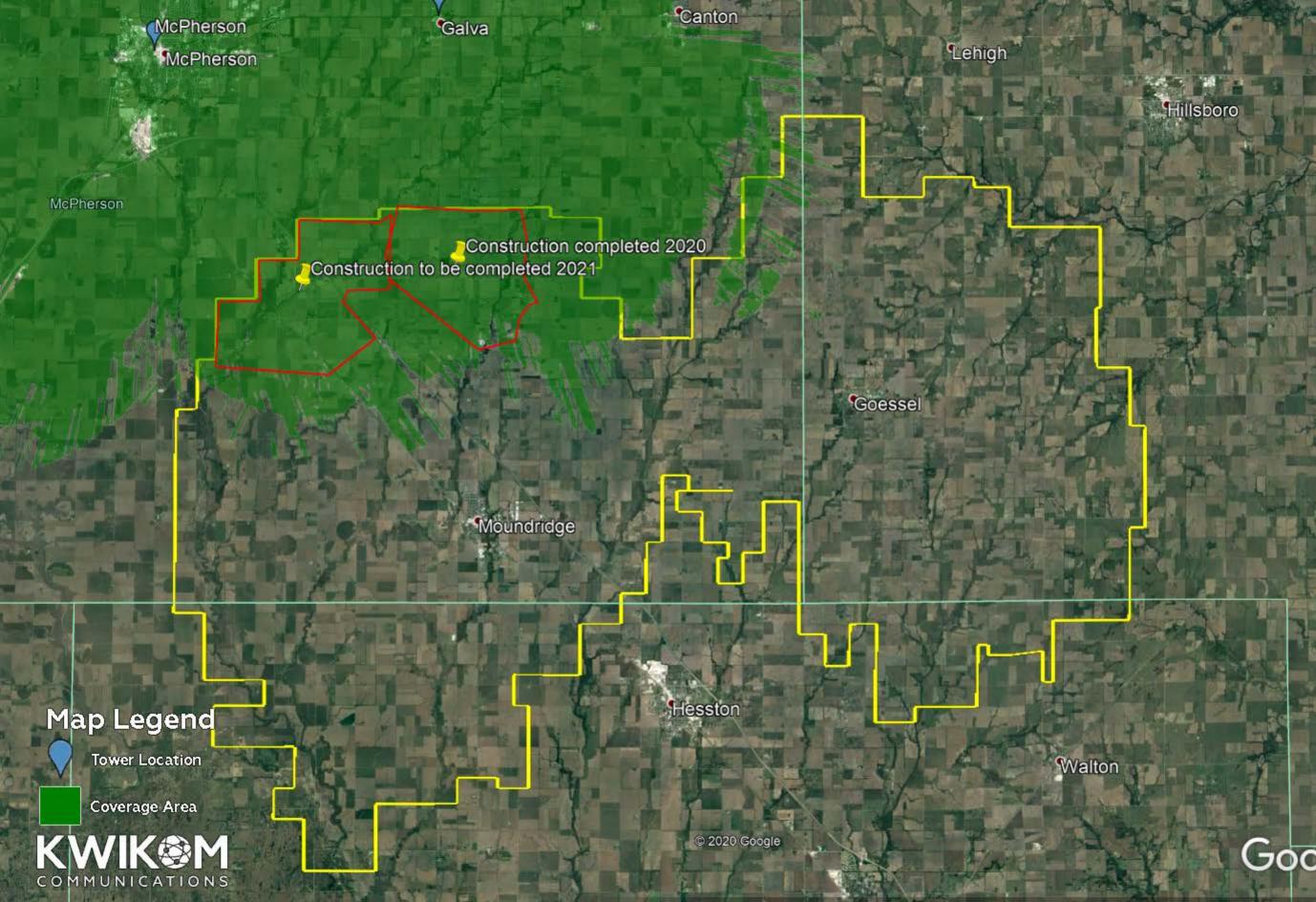


Table 1: Speed Tier ID for ACAM. RBE and CAF2 funds:

Speed TierID	Download Speed	Upload Speed
1	1 Mbps	256 Kbps
2	4 Mbps	1 Mbps
3	10 Mbps	1 Mbps
4	25 Mbps	3 Mbps
5	25 Mbps	5 Mbps
6	100 Mbps	20 Mbps
7	100 Mbps	25 Mbps
8	1 Gbps	500 Mbps