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Title **0036** 01/26/2021  
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Are you responding on behalf of an organization? **Yes**

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Please provide the name of the organization and address for which you are submitting comments: **Cox Communications, 931 SW Henderson Rd**

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

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I am providing comments related to the following application (choose one): **Nex-Tech\_Barton County**

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**Concerns regarding a project**

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I am sharing  
concerns the project:

**Proposes to serve an area that already has service**

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Please provide your  
comments in the text  
box below.

**Cox Communications is submitting this comment to demonstrate the application for Nex-Tech for Barton County is for an area that is already served by a private company. Cox Communications already serves the cities of Hoisington and Great Bend. Attached is the map of Kansas and where Cox currently serves. This map is proprietary. You can click on the area and see where Cox is at within the yellow marked areas.**

**Cox already provides up to 1 Gig speeds everywhere we serve in Hoisington and Great Bend. Our minimum speed is 25/3. It is important for any grant program to be technology neutral as long as the technology meets the required speeds. In this case, the fixed wireless does that, according to the provider. However, Cox Communications already serves this area with 1 Gig speeds, and thus, this could be an example of overbuild in the areas Cox serves.**

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

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**Megan Bottenberg**

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Title **0018** 01/19/2021  
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**H&B Enterprises dba H&B Communications & H&B Cable(H&B) submits the following comments in relation to the Nex-Tech\_Barton County project. There is significant overlap between areas that H&B already serves with Fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) and portions of the proposed service area in the Nex-Tech publicly available application maps. From the publicly available grant application data, H&B is unable to tell if Nex-Tech proposes to serve any specific customers who are already being served. Of particular concern to H&B is the amount of overlap from tower location #9 into our existing service area. Almost all of the coverage area of that tower is currently served with FTTH and funding that site would potentially be funding a competitor in an already served area. H&B's FTTH plant serves customers at speeds up to 1Gb in the exchange areas of Claflin, Ellinwood, and Dorrance and therefore all customers in these exchanges should be excluded from areas being funded through the Broadband Acceleration Grant Program. H&B is the ILEC for the Dorrance exchange and has served the rural portion of the exchange with fiber since 2006 and the City of Dorrance since 2015. In 2010, H&B was awarded federal ARRA funds to build a FTTH plant throughout the entire Claflin and Ellinwood exchanges except for the City of Ellinwood. That project was completed early in 2013. Lastly, H&B constructed FTTH plant within the city limits of Ellinwood, which was completed in 2015. The FCC 477 data accurately reflects that H&B is already serving or could serve upon reasonable request all customers in these three exchanges at data rates that exceed the 25/3 Mbps speed requirement for the grant. In addition, H&B has submitted documentation providing evidence that these areas are already served.**

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**Brandon Koch 1-19-21**

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