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I am providing response comments related to the following application (choose one): **Giant Communications - City of Denison, Jackson County**

I am responding to concerns this project: **Proposes to serve an area that already has service**

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

Giant Communications is attempting to work in concert with the goals of both State and Federal level governments in accordance with broadband deployment goals and plans. Denison township has been underserved and neglected for a number of years. This became more apparent than ever during the pandemic when school children and work from home parents struggled regularly with connectivity. Giant did all we could to work with local school districts to help provide students connectivity via hotspots, etc. The ILEC in Denison did nothing to support this effort. The ILEC in Denison provides services via digital subscriber lines (DSL). This technology is limited by distance, size, age, etc. You can reference in the comments provided in challenge 66 that Century Link has deployed a "copper terrestrial network". Additionally, the limitations of a copper network can be clearly identified in the KMZ attached. Various residents provided speed tests, they are mapped in the KMZ, you can see the inconsistencies of the speeds on the map. If you are not close to the central office (CO), you are likely incapable of receiving high-cap broadband speeds, and you will never be able to change the capability of copper facilities. This means the problem of limited broadband will remain forever, using this copper facility.

The goal of the KOBD is to support the deployment of scalable, sustainable and future proof broadband. The deployment of fiber-to-the-home in Denison will allow for that. You can reference the evidence section of our application, along with all of the letters of support within the attached zip file to this response. In addition to the letters of support you will find speed test results of various resident homes and those locations mapped on the KMZ. Speed test upload speeds are identified on the location pins, red indicates low speed test results.

At Giant we work in alignment with our core values, work as a team, do the right thing, right, embrace opportunity. Our goal is to support Denison residents with the same goals in mind. We are excited to hear your decision about this grant!

Thank you,

**Austin Taylor
General Manager**

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

[Denison_Challenge_66_Response.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.
