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

**CenturyLink has challenged part of our application for overlapping with some of their current area of service. Without access to specific data within their challenge, we used the attached map to identify 21 addresses we assume are in question. In the last ten days, we visited each of these addresses and interviewed residents at 14 of them. We asked questions about speed, reliability, and cost; in several cases we performed a speed test.**

**Only two residents confirmed use of CenturyLink, and neither of them have speeds that reach the 40 Mbps download speed referenced in the challenge. 8 other addresses use a fixed wireless or cellular service that also fall short of accepted speed standards. The rest do not currently have internet service. Most of those interviewed were aware that CenturyLink was present in the area but were not interested in using it as a provider.**

**The residents we spoke with said reliability matched speed as a concern. Many also expressed concern about cost and believe the fiber service our project will provide will be less expensive for better reliability and speed. All the residents were interested in having a fiber option.**

**As mentioned, attached is our reference map and the speed test data we were able to collect. We look forward to providing additional feedback on this challenge during our telephone interview in the coming weeks.**

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

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**Jim MacGregor, March 21, 2022**

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