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Please provide your comments in the text box below.

Eagle Broadband Investments, LLC (d/b/a Vyve Broadband) hereby submits comments to H&B Cable Service's project proposal for the Kansas Broadband Acceleration Grant Program. Eagle is an incumbent service provider that currently offers 940 Mbps down / 50 Mbps up broadband service to the residents of Ellsworth and Kanopolis within Ellsworth County, KS.

We have several concerns with how H&B is proposing to use grant funds to construct a hybrid fiber and fixed wireless network in Ellsworth County, KS.

The shaded areas of the service area map provided by H&B for its proposed wireless service do not include the communities of Ellsworth and Kanopolis. We believe that this representation is not fully accurate, as any wireless service would necessarily also cover the areas immediately surrounding the transmitter. These areas in Ellsworth and Kanopolis are already served by Eagle's fiber network, as shown in the attached supporting documents.

Per their proposed service area map, H&B intends to construct a fiber line from Ellsworth to Kanopolis that terminates at a series of grain elevators located on the east edge of town (the point on the map noted as "Kanopolis Transmitter Location"). However, Eagle already has fiber infrastructure in place connecting Ellsworth and Kanopolis, and is currently servicing an existing cell site located on those same grain elevators. We would be willing to lease H&B access to this fiber at reasonable market rates to provision the Kanopolis transmitter, thereby saving the government money instead of duplicating the existing fiber route.

In addition, the fiber lines that H&B intends to construct in Kanopolis are capable of serving a substantial portion of the city, although Eagle already has 100% coverage within city limits. While Eagle respects the effort to provide service to residents of rural Ellsworth County, we do not believe that the goals of the grant program are best served by overbuilding existing infrastructure in an urban area. Finally, H&B also states that they will offer broadband service to 140 households in a municipality in rural Ellsworth County. If this is in reference to Kanopolis, it would again represent a significant overbuild.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions or require any additional supporting documentation.

Please provide supporting documentation to support your comments. Concerns related to overbuilds should include explicit data such as Census block and address specific data. Submit multiple files as a single ZIP file.

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