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

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

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

#### **Reply to Comments Submitted by H&B Communications:**

**The attached map shows a magnified area referenced by H&B Communications' comments. In the grant application, Nex-Tech's intent was to provide coverage up to 60th road and to a small unserved area south of Redwing. These unserved areas are represented in blue on the map and tower 9 was designed to provide coverage through some trees and low spots in the blue unserved areas.**

**The coverage area from tower 9 does unintentionally propagate into the area served by H&B Communications which is shown in green on the map. Based on the grant instructions, the wireless coverage maps submitted with the grant application were supposed to show the propagation based on the dBm levels specified in the instructions and as a derivative of following these instructions there is some unintentional propagation being shown in served areas outside of the proposed unserved grant area. For this project, Nex-Tech has no intention of offering service to the area currently being served by H&B Communications that was funded with ARRA funds. Nex-Tech would be willing to entertain another technical option for tower 9 if H&B Communications' concern would preclude approval of the grant.**

#### **Reply to Comments Submitted by Cox Communications:**

**Nex-Tech already provides fiber and fixed wireless services within the cities of Great Bend and Hoisington. Nex-Tech's intentions for the Broadband Acceleration grant application were to provide coverage to the rural areas of Barton county and this was clearly stated in the application.**

**The coverage areas from some of the tower locations in the application do propagate through the cities of Great Bend and Hoisington to reach the rural areas. Based on the grant instructions, the wireless coverage maps submitted with the grant application were supposed to show the propagation based on the dBm levels specified in the instructions and as a derivative of following these instructions there is some unintentional propagation being shown in served areas outside of the proposed unserved grant area.**

**Nex-Tech reviewed publicly available FCC Form 477 data when selecting the rural areas to be served by the grant and included these maps with proposed grant area polygons as evidence data. The unserved census blocks intended for the grant were shown as light blue within the polygons. Nex-Tech did not have access to the confidential Cox maps.**

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

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.

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