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Senate Utilities Committee
State Capitol
300 SW 10th
Topeka, KS 66612

Dear Senate Utilities Committee:

After the hearings on Senate Bill 346, Senators Petersen and Francisco requested the Commission provide maps illustrating the availability of broadband in the areas served by the rural local exchange carriers (RLECs) as well as the areas served by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Kansas (AT&T) and the United Telephone Companies of Kansas d/b/a CenturyLink (CenturyLink).

Attached to this letter are three maps illustrating the availability of 3 Megabits per second (Mbps) or greater broadband in the state of Kansas. Map 1 illustrates the availability of 3 Mbps or greater broadband in the areas served by AT&T and CenturyLink. The white areas indicate that the incumbent local exchange carrier serving the area is a RLEC. Map 2 illustrates the availability of 3 Mbps or greater broadband in the areas served by the RLECs. Areas in white indicate that the incumbent local exchange carrier serving the area is AT&T or CenturyLink. Map 3 illustrates the availability of 3 Mbps or greater broadband across the entire state of Kansas.

Please let me know if you have additional questions on this matter. I can be contacted at (785) 271-3132 or at c.arnes@kcc.ks.gov.

Sincerely,

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