

## **AMG Technology Investment Group, LLC dba Nextlink (AMG) – Greenwood and Elk Counties Broadband Application**

### **Kansas Broadband Acceleration Grant Year-2**

#### **Butler Rural Electric Cooperative Challenge #56**

Butler Rural Electric Cooperative (Butler Coop) asserts that AMG's proposed service areas are already served or are likely to be served without grant funds because plans are in place to serve this area, although construction has not yet begun.

#### **AMG Response**

This challenge does not include sufficient details to determine if it is valid and does not specifically address which service area being proposed by AMG is being challenged.

Butler Coop's website includes a coverage map that shows service available in the Piedmont area but does not show any coverage in Severy. In addition, online resources like Broadband Now do not list Butler Coop's Velocity Internet as being available in either market.

Butler Coop's pricing is also significantly higher than AMG's proposed service with their 25 Mbps plan being offered for \$64.95. Butler Coop also does not participate in the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), which would provide eligible households with a \$30 monthly subsidy. Comparatively, AMG is proposing to offer its high-quality internet with a 25/3 plan for \$49.95 and does participate in the ACP. In addition, AMG will offer speeds up to 100/100 for the fixed wireless areas proposed and more than 1,000/1,000 for the fiber areas proposed in Piedmont.

<https://www.velocity.coop/our-services>

With their top speed plan of 100/10 Mbps, Butler Coop does not offer the minimum US Treasury standard for 100/20 Mbps service



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