

KANSAS GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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January 3, 2005

Mr. Jeff Schminke
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U. S. Department of Agriculture
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RE: Kansas Farm & Ranch Inc. — Blue Valley Tele-Communications

Dear Mr. Schminke:

I have received your request for comment by the Kansas Geological Survey on a Rural Economic Development Loan through USDA Rural Development to assist Kansas Farm and Ranch Inc. The money will be used to expand the existing business with a new transportation division and construction of a building to custom clean, bag, and palletize sunflowers and other alternative crops outside Centralia, Kansas. The building project will occur in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 8 T4S R12E.

I reviewed the limited information you provided along with data from the Corning 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ minute quadrangle, a 2002 orthophoto, and two reports on the geology of Nemaha County (Mudge, Walters, and Skoog, 1959, U.S. Geological Survey Bulletin 1060-D; and Ward, 1974, Kansas Geological Survey Ground Water Series 2). The site does not appear to be in a drainage way and the geologic unit is glacial till. Glacial till is a heterogeneous mixture of clay, silt, sand, gravel and boulders. In general, this material is not an aquifer; however, sand lenses in this material may be local aquifers. Based on this information, the Kansas Geological Survey has no knowledge of geologic factors that would adversely affect this project.

I have signed and enclosed the "Agency Review Transmittal Form."

Sincerely,

Gregory Ohlmacher
Associate Scientist

Enc.

AGENCY REVIEW TRANSMITTAL FORM

Comments by: C. C. Ohlmacher
Kansas Geological Survey

Transmittal Date

PROJECT TITLE: Kansas Farm & Ranch, Inc
Blue Valley Tele-Communications
CONTACT PERSON: _____
Notification of Int
Preapplication
Final Application
Direct Development

This form provides notification and the opportunity
for your agency to review and comment on this
proposed project as required by Executive Order 12372.
Please complete Parts II & III as appropriate. Your
prompt response will be appreciated.

RETURN TO:

PART I
REVIEW AGENCIES/COMMISSIONS

☐ Aging	☐ Education	☐ State Forester,
☐ Agriculture - DWR	☒ Geological Survey, KS	☐ Transportation
☐ Biological Survey, KS	☐ Health & Environment	☐ Water Office, KS
☐ Conservation Comm.	☐ Historical Society	☐ Wildlife & Park
☐ Corporation Comm.	☐ Human Resources	_____
☐ Commerce	☐ Social & Rehab. Serv.	_____

PART II (To be completed by review agency and returned to contact person)

AGENCY REVIEW COMMENTS

COMMENTS:

PART III (To be completed by review agency and returned to contact person)

RECOMMENDED ACTION COMMENTS

☒ Clearance of the project should be granted.	☐ Clearance of the project should not be delayed but the Applicant should (in the final application) address
☐ Clearance of the project should not be granted.	clarify the questions or concerns indicated above.
☐ Clearance of the project should be delayed until the issues or questions have been clarified	☐ Request the opportunity to review final application prior to submission to the federal funding agency

☐ Request a State Process
Recommendation in concurrence with above comments.

Reviewer's Name [Signature] DIVISIONS/AGENCY/COMMISSION

(09/23/04) PN 532

Date
1/3/05



**United States Department of Agriculture
Rural Development**

December 20, 2004

G. Ohlmacher
KS Geological Survey
1930 Constant Ave
Lawrence, KS. 66047

RE: Kansas Farm & Ranch Inc. – BlueValley Tele-Communications

The BlueValley Tele-Communication Cooperative, Home, Kansas has submitted an application for a Rural Economic Development Loan to USDA-Rural Development to assist Kansas Farm & Ranch Inc. The purpose of the proposed loan will be to expand the existing business with a new transportation division and construction of a building to custom clean, bag and palletize sunflowers and other alternative crops outside Centralia, Kansas.

The building project will occur adjacent to the existing business located in Illinois Township, Nemaha County Kansas. Section 08, Township 04, Range 12, beginning 62.3' S of the NW Corner – NW4th S 367' East 574.2' N 367' W 574.2' to POB less right of way. The facility address is PO Box 117, RR #1, Box 128, Centralia, KS. The site is not in a 100 or 500 year flood plain.

This letter is providing notification of the above-proposed project, as well as the opportunity for your agency to review and comment on the proposed project as required by Executive order 12372.

More specific information describing the proposal may be obtained from the following contacts:

APPLICANT

BlueValley Tele-Communications
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Home, KS 66438
785-799-3311

ULTIMATE RECEIPIENT

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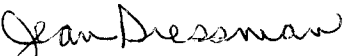
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Please provide your comments to this office, attention Jeff Schminke, Area Specialist, no later than 01-20-05. Faxed responses are acceptable.

Rural Development will not obligate funds for this project until we have completed an Environmental Assessment of the project.

Sincerely,


(for) Jeff J. Schminke
Area Specialist