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May 25, 2006

Mr. Douglas Clary
USDA, Rural Development
2615 Farm Bureau Road
Manhattan, Kansas 66502

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

Dear Mr. Clary:

I have received your request for comment by the Kansas Geological Survey (KGS) on an application to USDA Rural Development for a Rural Economic Development Loan from BlueValley Tele-Communication Cooperative, Home, Kansas. The loan is to assist Kansas Farm & Ranch purchase land for expansion and construction of additional buildings east of Centralia, Nemaha County, Kansas (within the NW¼ NW¼ Section 8 T4S R11E).

I examined the USGS Corning 7½-minute topographic map, a 2002 orthophotograph, and the geologic report of Nemaha County (Ward, 1974, KGS Ground Water Series #2). The geologic map indicates that the site is on Quaternary Glacial Drift. At this location Ward indicates that the glacial drift is composed of till (ice transported material) that has a low permeability. The site is at the crest of a hill and should not have landslide or karst problems. The Kansas Geological Survey has no knowledge of geologic issues affecting this application.

The above discussion represents our best assessment based on the information that the Kansas Geological Survey has about this locality and/or proposed project at the time of this writing. Other geologic conditions, not discussed herein, or for which the Kansas Geological Survey has no knowledge, may affect the viability or safe operation of this facility or property. The information provided in this letter is from regional or countywide studies and should not be used as a substitute for detailed site characterization by a licensed geologist or engineer. It is the responsibility of the applicant to provide any required site characterizations.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (785) 864-2194 or ohlmac@kgs.ku.edu.

Sincerely,

Gregory Ohlmacher, P.G.
Associate Scientist

Enc: Agency Review Transmittal Form

Comments by: G. Ohlmacher
Ks. Geological Survey
1930 Constant Avenue
Lawrence, Ks. 66047
Transmittal Date: May 23, 2006

PROJECT TITLE: Kansas Farm & Ranch Inc.
Blue Valley Tele-Communications

CONTACT PERSON:

☐ Notification of Intent
☐ Preapplication
☐ Final Application
☐ Direct Development

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

RETURN TO: **USDA RURAL
DEVELOPMENT,
2615 Farm Bureau Road
Manhattan, Ks. 66502
Attn: Doug Clary**

PART I

REVIEW AGENCIES/COMMISSIONS

☐ Aging	☐ Education	☐ State Forester
☐ Agriculture-DWR	☒ Geological Survey, KS	☐ Transportation
☐ Biological Survey, KS	☐ Health & Environment	☐ Water Office, Kansas
☐ Conservation Commission	☐ Historical Society	☐ Wildlife & Parks
☐ Corporation Commission	☐ Human Resources	☐
☐ Commerce	☐ Social & Rehab. Services	☐

PART II

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

AGENCY REVIEW COMMENTS

COMMENTS: *see cover letter for notes*

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 be (in the final application) address and clarify the questions or concerns indicated above.
☐ Clearance of the project should not be granted.	
☐ 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.	

DIVISION/AGENCY/COMMISSION

Reviewer's Name

Gregory C. Ohlmacher Date: *5/25/06*

PLEASE FAX THIS FORM TO 785-539-2733 As Soon As Possible.



**United States Department of Agriculture
Rural Development**

May 23, 2006

G. Ohlmacher
Ks. Geological Survey
1930 Constant Avenue
Lawrence, KS. 66047

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

The BlueValley Tele-Communication Cooperative, Home, Kansas is in the process of submitting an application for a Rural Economic Development Loan (REDL) to USDA-Rural Development to assist Kansas Farm & Ranch Inc. The purpose of the proposed loan will be to expand the existing business with the purchase of ten acres adjacent to the current business. In addition, the loan proceeds will be utilized for the expansion of several buildings, and the addition of rolling stock to both the transportation division and fertilizer service.

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
Jada Ackerman, P.R./Econ Dev Dir
1557 Pony Express Highway
Home, KS 66438
877-876-1228

ULTIMATE RECEIPIENT

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Please provide your comments to this office, attention Doug Clary, Area Specialist, no later than June 23, 2006. Faxed responses are acceptable.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Doug Clary', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Douglas Clary
Area Specialist

Attachment:

DKClary:dkc