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July 5, 2006

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

RE: Josh Massie, 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 in Home, Kansas. The loan is to assist Josh Massie, Inc. expand the existing business with the purchase of additional equipment to install rural utility lines. The project will occur at the existing business located at 304 School Street, Vermillion, Kansas, 66544.

I examined the USGS Vermillion 7½-minute topographic quadrangle, a 2002 orthophoto of the town of Vermillion, and the geologic report of Marshall County (Walters, 1954, KGS Bulletin 106). The business location is on glacial deposits, and does not appear to be in the floodplain. 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: Dr. Lee Allison, Director
Kansas Geological Survey
1930 Constant Avenue
Lawrence, Ks. 66047

Transmittal Date: June 19, 2006

PROJECT TITLE: Josh Massie, 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:

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.	

Reviewer's Name

DIVISION/AGENCY/COMMISSION

Date:

7/5/06

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

Gregory C. Ohlmacher



**United States Department of Agriculture
Rural Development**

June 19, 2006

Dr. Lee Allison, Director
Kansas Geological Survey
1930 Constant Avenue
Lawrence, Ks. 66047

RE: Josh Massie, Inc. – Blue Valley Tele-Communications

The Blue Valley 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 Josh Massie, Inc. The purpose of the proposed loan will be to expand the existing business with the purchase of additional equipment. This equipment will be utilized to install rural utility lines

The project will occur at the existing business which is located at 304 School Street, Vermillion, KS. 66544.

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

Blue Valley 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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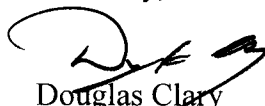
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Please provide your comments to this office, attention Doug Clary, Area Specialist, no later than July 19, 2006. Faxed responses are acceptable.

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 'DKC', is written over the printed name 'Douglas Clary'.

Douglas Clary
Area Specialist

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Enclosures: a/s