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SKT Challenge #54

SKT asserts they currently provide 75/10 Mbps DSL service within the Piedmont community and 50/10 Mbps service within a one-mile radius of Piedmont.

AMG Response

SKT's service is provided using outdated DSL technology that is being retired across the industry as supported by the FCC. In addition, for SKT's 75 Mbps service offered in Piedmont, the cost is \$87.95 and you must sign up for phone service to receive this package, adding an extra \$18.65 to the cost of the internet for a total monthly bill of \$106.60 before taxes and fees. SKT's cheapest internet plan offering is \$57.95 for a 12 Mbps upload speed plus \$18.65 for "required" phone service. For an economically distressed area like Piedmont, this is not consumer friendly, even with the Affordable Connectivity Program subsidy. Please see attached website screenshot.

According to BroadbandNow, SKT provides copper-based DSL to only 100 people.

<https://broadbandnow.com/Southern-Kansas-Telephone-Company> SKT website references T1 and T3 technology that the industry moved away from over 15 years ago. <http://stknetworks.com/internet/> DSL is a best effort technology as distance and traffic across the copper fabric unpredictably diminishes performance.

FCC guidance on DSL: <https://www.fcc.gov/general/types-broadband-connections>

With their top speed plan of 75/10 Mbps, SKT does not offer the minimum US Treasury standard for 100/20 Mbps service

For the rural areas, SKT's website only shows service availability up to 20 Mbps at a price of \$62.95 plus \$18.65 for "required" phone service. Please see attached website screenshot.

Comparatively, AMG is proposing to offer higher quality service with a 100/20 plan for only \$79.95 and a 25/3 plan for \$49.95 with no phone service requirement. In addition, AMG will offer speeds in excess of 1,000/1,000 for the fiber areas proposed.

Please provide supporting documents relative to your comments. Please submit multiple files as a ZIP file.

[AMG_Technology_Investment_Group_LLC_-_Challenge_54_Response_FINAL.pdf](#)

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