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The non-contiguous nature of the project blocks can be attributed to current network development, as well as future obligations of Nextlink. Nextlink Internet uses Fixed Wireless & Fiber Optic Technology to deliver voice and data services to the under-served commercial, small business, residential, education, healthcare, and public sector markets. Nextlink does not cap data usage, so customers enjoy unlimited wireless Internet service. Because of these core values, the need of Tier 1 blocks under the Nebraska Broadband Grant became the focus in conjunction with other underserved communities already targeted by Nextlink Internet.

Currently, Nextlink covers approximately 286,000 locations in Nebraska with a commitment to cover another 17,000 underserved locations with speeds of 100mb/20mb or higher. Most of these underserved obligations have been granted by the FCC in the CAF II and RDOF auctions. The nature of these auctions consists of census block groups that were deemed unserved/underserved by the FCC, and often the blocks were non-contiguous leaving unserved gaps between the blocks won by Nextlink. Many of the adjacent blocks need affordable, reliable broadband, which is why they are being targeted by Nextlink. These Nebraska Broadband Grant blocks fill in gaps adjacent to Nextlink CAF II and RDOF wins, thus making a contiguous service area. This contiguous service area between the Nebraska Broadband Grant, CAF II, and RDOF will allow Nextlink to provide more efficient and timely infrastructure improvements and get internet to the homes and families quicker all at a reduced cost to Nextlink, the State of Nebraska, the Federal government, and most importantly the consumer.

NEXTLINK CAF II and RDOF OBLIGATIONS:

