Texas Statewide Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

March 29, 2011

Via Electronic Delivery

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Federal Communications Commission
The Portals, TW-A325
445 W. 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: **WC Docket No. 10-90**, *Connect America Fund*; **GN Docket No. 09-51**, *A National Broadband Plan for Our Future*; **WC Docket No. 07-135**, *Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange* Carriers; **WC Docket No. 05-337**, *High-Cost Universal Service Support*; **CC Docket No. 01-92**, *Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime*; **CC Docket No. 96-45**, *Federal-State Board on Universal Service*; **WC Docket No. 03-109**, *Lifeline and Link-Up*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Wednesday, March 23, 2011, Weldon R. Gray, Eastex Telephone Cooperative, Inc.; Delbert Wilson, Hill Country Telephone Cooperative, Inc.; Sid Applin, Alenco Communications, Inc.; Brent Kennedy, Mid-Plains Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.; Tim Humpert, Coleman County Telephone Cooperative, Inc.; Kirk Petty, Santa Rosa Telephone Cooperative, Inc.; Jason Tole; Santa Rosa Telephone Cooperative, Inc.; Bob Wilson, Wes-Tex Telephone Cooperative, Inc.; John Kuykendall, John Staurulakis, Inc.; and Jo Shotwell, representing Texas Statewide Telephone Cooperative, Inc., met with Commissioner Michael J. Copps and Margaret McCarthy, Policy Advisor to Commissioner Copps.

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the overall potential impact of the FCC's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking relating to intercarrier compensation and the universal service programs on rural incumbent local exchange carriers.

Pursuant to the Commission's rules, a copy of this letter and materials presented are being filed electronically in the above-referenced dockets for inclusion in the public record.

Respectfully submitted,

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Texas Statewide Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

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Texas Statewide Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Background

- Founded in 1952
- Statewide organization advocating for rural communications service providers and their customers
- Represents 22 cooperatives and 16 small family-owned companies

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Background

- Texas' rural economic future is tied directly to its advanced communications capability
- Ensure rural Texans receive advanced communications services comparable to the services available to urban consumers and at reasonable rates
- Community focused
  - Largest employer in communities although small business by most standards

Texas Statewide Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Background

- Members serve less than 3% of Texas consumers, but over 1/3 of the geographic area
- Low customer density
  - 0.3 to 6 customers per square mile
- Advanced Infrastructure
  - Broadband capability in most service areas
  - Over 8,700 miles of fiber currently deployed; 31% increase planned in 2011

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- TSTCI members are dependant four revenue streams:
  - Interstate/State Access Revenues – 50%
  - Federal Universal Service Revenues – 16%
  - State Universal Service – 14%
  - Local Revenues – 16%

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Current State of the Small Companies

- Small companies pressured on several fronts
  - access line erosion
  - steadily declining access minutes and revenues
  - potential changes to federal USF
  - deployment of high speed broadband to all customers
  - Competitive pressures
  - regulatory uncertainty/instability

- Must continue to upgrade their networks and provide high quality service under challenging conditions

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Federal USF Reform Principles

- Most important – recovery of legacy, embedded capital investments
- New recovery mechanisms need to be rational to encourage investments in rural areas
- Support systems need to accommodate increasing need for speed

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Federal USF Reform Principles

- Operating in a competitive market – flexibility is needed
- Transitional mechanisms need to recognize the impact on consumers

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Our Members

Alenco Communications
Big Bend Telephone Company
Brazos Telecommunications
Brazos Telephone Coop.
Cameron Telephone Company
Cap Rock Telephone Coop.
Central Texas Telephone Coop.
Coleman County Telephone Coop.
Colorado Valley Telephone Coop.
Community Telephone Company
Cumby Telephone Coop.
Dell Telephone Coop.
E.N.M.R. Telephone Coop.
Eastex Telephone Coop.
Electra Telephone Company
Etex Telephone Coop.
Five Area Telephone Coop.
Ganado Telephone Company
Hill Country Telephone Coop.
Industry Telephone Company
La Ward Telephone Exchange
Lake Livingston Telephone Co.
Lipan Telephone Company
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Mid-Plains Rural Telephone Coop.
Nortex Communications
Panhandle Telephone Coop.
Peoples Telephone Coop.
Poka Lambro Telephone Coop.
Riviera Telephone Company
Santa Rosa Telephone Coop.
South Plains Telephone Coop.
Tatum Telephone Company
Taylor Telephone Coop.
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XIT Rural Telephone Coop.

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Questions?

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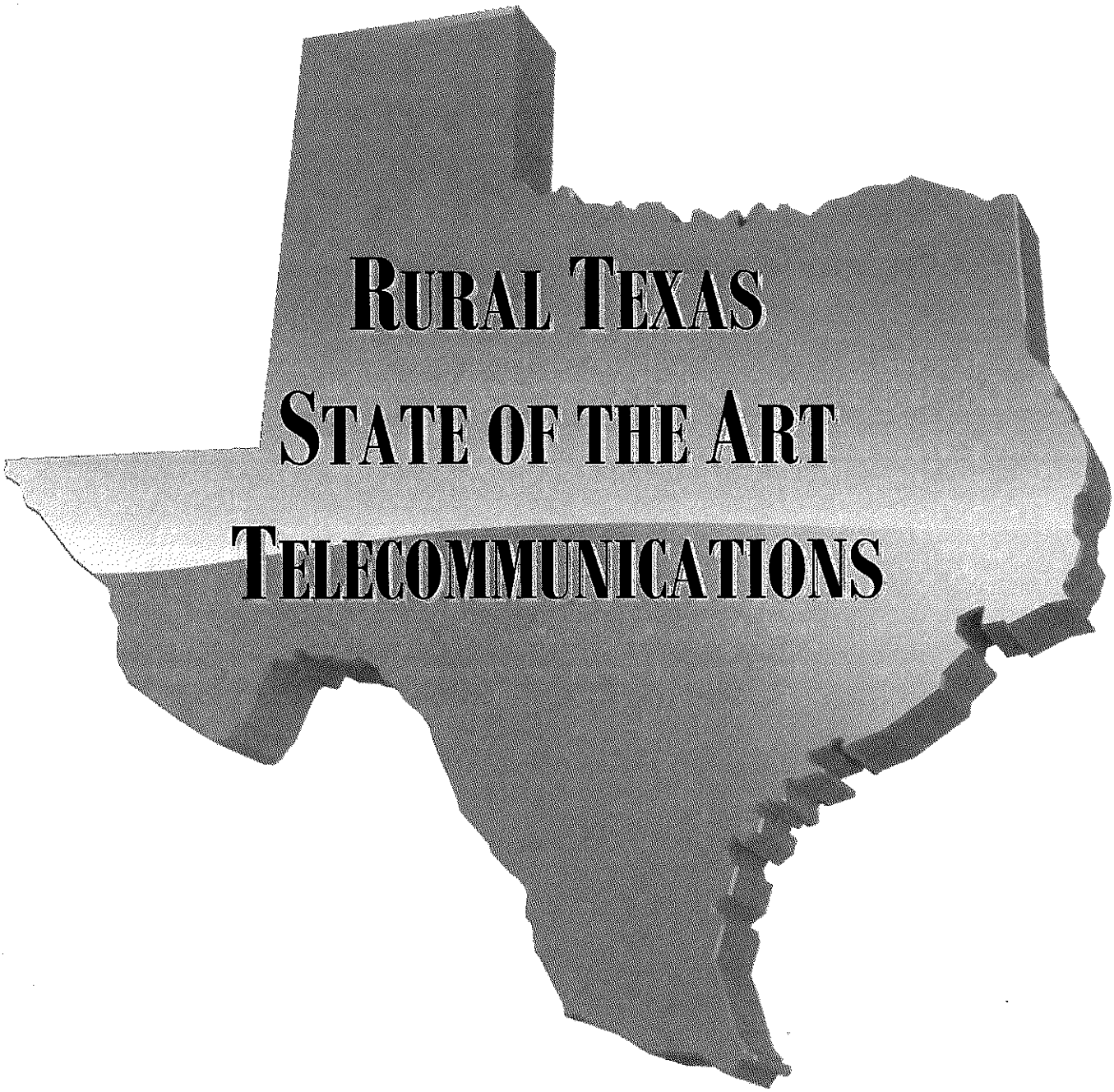

Rural Texas State of the Art Telecommunications

Support for Rural Telecommunications

The historical need for revenues from the telecommunications network as a whole is never ending. For as long as there has been rural telephone service provided by small investor owned and cooperative telephone companies, there has been a mechanism to share the revenues of the network as a whole. In the early years that mechanism was the average revenue per message, then the cost separations methodology, then pooling in Texas, and most recently the State/Federal Universal Service process.

The processes have changed over the years, but the underlying purpose has not. The social policy of our State and Federal government of universal telecommunications service, service that is both available and affordable, is unchanged. The rural companies and cooperatives were organized to serve the vast rural and agricultural areas that the larger telephone companies did not wire because the population was too sparse and the locations too remote. Many citizens would have no service, telephone or broadband, if not for these rural providers. Provision of service in these vast rural areas of our country, and especially our State of Texas, is not possible without some form of revenue sharing and support provided by a mechanism at least similar to those which have existed through the years. We support improving the process, whatever that mechanism may be, but without some form of support, provision of service in these areas would not be possible.

Furthermore, rural providers have made significant investments through the years, which continue today. These investments were and are made with the understanding that these support mechanisms would exist. We must have a system that is certain, dependable, sustainable, and fulfils the promises and obligations of the principle of universal service. Ending these support mechanisms would be a failure of the historical commitment made by our State and Federal governments, and would certainly be the demise of the rural service providers.

- Small rural telephone cooperatives and companies are dependant three revenue streams:
    - Interstate/State Access Revenues
    - Federal/State Universal Service Revenues
    - Local Revenues
- "One size does not fit all" if small rural cooperatives and companies are to remain financially viable

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Alenco Communications, Inc.
Joshua, Texas

History
Alenco Communications, Inc. (ACI) is a family owned business which began in1978 with 83 total access lines. ACI has grown and currently provides services to 10 exchanges across Texas. The exchanges are located in Carlton, Alexander, Knippa, Maryneal, Donie, McCaulley, Sylvester, and three other exchanges in south Texas near Laredo. The Alenco service area encompasses 4,835 square miles and approximately 60 miles of contiguous border with Mexico. These 10 exchanges serve over 1,800 access lines and over 550 broadband customers. This calculates at 1 customer every 2.96 square miles. We employee 28 employees with 25% being minority. Currently 34% of our network is the Laredo area which was un-served until 1990 and is within 50 miles of the Mexico border.

Counties in Our Service Area:
Erath, Comanche, Hamilton, Webb, Freestone, Limestone, Uvalde, Nolan, Fisher, Duval, Webb, Dimmitt, LaSalle, Maverick

Telecommunications and Broadband Services and Support:
Broadband services (provided thru our affiliate) with 24 hour support are provided for Broadband customers. All Phone services with 24 hour repair are provided to customers as required. Satellite Television services are available (provided by our affiliate) featuring Dish Network thru resale services.

Our Technologies:
Digital Switching, Soft Switching, Fiber Transport, Copper Plant (supporting ADSL services) and Fiber to the Home.

Our Plans for the Future:
Alenco currently has plans to build Backhaul facilities into neighboring communities for discount pricing on Ethernet connections. This will allow us to pass this discount to our customers and allow us to meet increasing demands for higher internet speeds and capacity. Alenco also plans to continue deploying FTTH, again to meet the increasing demands for internet speeds and capacity.

For more information please contact Sid Applin, General Manager, at 817-447-0127.

Big Bend Telephone Company
Alpine, Texas

History:
Big Bend Telephone Company was established in 1960 by Mr. Neville Haynes and is family owned. Big Bend Telephone is based in Alpine, Texas and presently provides 5,343 access lines in 14 exchanges, covering approximately 18,000 square miles and includes 8 counties.

Telecommunications and Broadband Services and Support:

- 1120 route miles of fiber optic cable of which 684 is for backbone
- All 14 exchanges have digital switches and offer a full range of CLASS features throughout.
- Offer ADSL services to all exchanges in conjunction with local ISP's.
- Offering long distance service
- Big Bend Telephone is continuing to deploy Fiber to the Home.

For more information please contact Joan Johnson, Chief Financial Officer, at (432) 364-1000.

Brazoria Telephone Company
Brazoria, Texas

History:

- 1890's-early 1890's Hennell Stevens rigged up the first telephone in Brazoria to connect his home to the family-owned drug store.
- 1905-Hinkle-Harris partnership installed a magneto switchboard.
- 1909 to 1912-Hinkle-Harris ownership saw the installation of a line to Angleton and Alvin (1909), a toll line to Bay City, and the installation of several residential phones in the area.
- 1912-Homer and Earl Hopkins bought the telephone company from the Hinkle-Harris partnership.
- 1941-Frank Harris bought the telephone exchange from the Hopkins brothers.
- 1946-Brazoria Telephone Company was bought by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hendrix and their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Pewitt, and remains in the Hendrix family to the present. The telephone company consisted of 100 magneto telephones with grounded lines when purchased by the Hendrix family in 1946.
- 1951-"Mr. Charley" Hendrix was able to triple the number of subscribers.
- 1952-Incorporation of the Brazoria Telephone Company.
- 1953-Brazoria Telephone Company changed to dial.
- 1957-REA loan allowed BTC to modernize its plant.
- 1961-Addition of a new Churchill exchange.
- 1980-Conduit system added to facilitate underground service to the central office, as well as a digital trunking cable and two new central office buildings in 1981.
- 1983-John H. Greenberg, grandson of Charles and Beulah Hendrix became president of BTC.
- 1983-Changed to digital equipment.
- 1985-Mr. Charles Hendrix was honored by being inducted into the Texas Independent Pioneer Association Hall of Fame.
- 1986-Installation of fiber to Angleton, Sweeny and Old Ocean.
- 1987-large buried cable project started.
- 1988-remodeling of the Brazoria central office and construction of a new service center.
- 1989-Construction of a 600-foot tower.
- 1999-Internet service implemented.
- 2003-Deployed DSL service
- 2008-Purchased cable TV company (Coastal Link) in Brazoria and Jones Creek to provide video and additional broadband services.
- 2011-Provide service to 5000 access lines in 2 exchanges covering approximately 240 square miles.

Telecommunications and Broadband Services and Support:
Direct Distance Dialing, Custom Calling Features, Extended Area Service, Expanded Local Calling, Long Distance Service, Toll-Free Internet Service, High-Speed Internet Service.

Our Plans for the Future:
BTC is currently deploying its Next Generation Network in both of its exchanges to accommodate for future broadband expansion.

For more information please contact John Greenberg, President, at 979-798-2121.

Brazos Telecommunications, Inc.
Olney, Texas

History:
Brazos Telecommunications was formed in 1995 to serve property bought from GTE. The company's parent company is Brazos Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Counties in Our Service Area:
Archer, Jack, and Young

Telecommunications and Broadband Services and Support:
Provides service to approximately 3,306 access lines in 5 exchanges, covering a 304 square mile area including 5 towns and North Central Texas.

With its parent company and other subsidiaries, provides Long Distance Resale, PBX Key Systems Sales, Dial Up Internet, DSL, Internet/Computer Training, Computer Repair, Networking Services, Computer Backup/Data Storage, Virus Protection, Leased Fiber Facilities in addition to reliable telephone service.

Our Technologies:
Nortel DMS10, Occam Broadband Loop Carrier, Metaswitch (IP Switch), DSL, Unlicensed Wireless Broadband

Our Plans for the Future:
Continue to build out broadband networks

For more information, please contact Richard Adams, General Manager of Brazos Telephone Cooperative, at (940) 873-4303.

Brazos Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
Olney, Texas

History:
Group of interested people first started organizing in 1950

Counties in Our Service Area:
Archer, Jack, Stephens, Throckmorton and Young

Telecommunications and Broadband Services and Support:
Provides service to approximately 1,133 access lines in 5 exchanges, covering a 1071 square mile area in North Central Texas. Brazos and its subsidiaries have a total of 39 employees, providing Long Distance Resale, PBX Key Systems Sales, Dial Up Internet, DSL, Internet/Computer Training, Computer Repair, Networking Services, Computer Backup/Data Storage, Virus Protection, Leased Fiber Facilities in addition to reliable telephone service.

Our Technologies:
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Cameron Communications
Sulphur, Louisiana
(Serving Nome, High Island, Gilchrist, Texas)

History:
Founded January 31, 1928, W. T. Henning, a Sulphur, Louisiana, businessman and general store owner and operator started Cameron Telephone Company. Where larger phone companies saw a sparsely populated area not likely to yield a significant profit margin, Henning saw people--hardworking, honest men and women who deserved the difference that the latest technology would make in their lives. Communications could facilitate the production of recently discovered oil, spark jobs, make information available faster, and even save lives. He saw something else, too--the future. Though there was no guarantee that he'd ever see a return in his significant investment, he had a hunch that communication would soon become as valuable to the economic lifeblood of a community as the oil that seeped along the gulf.

While Cameron Communications found its roots in Cameron Parish, Louisiana, the drive to bring service to rural surrounding communities lead to the purchase of the Nome Telephone Company in 1969. Through this purchase, Cameron Telephone was able to expand into Nome, High Island and Gilchrist, Texas. In 1986, Cameron Communications Corporation was formed, parent company of Cameron Telephone Company, Cameron Telephone Company-Texas, Elizabeth Telephone Company and Carlyss Cablevision. From humble beginnings in 1928 to today, Cameron Communications strives to provide each of their customers with the fastest, most reliable technology that they need to keep pace in today's world.

Counties in Our Service Area:
Jefferson County (Nome), Galveston County (High Island, Gilchrist)

Telecommunications and Broadband Services and Support:
Digital Cable, High-Speed Internet, Phone Service. Service and support offered for residential customers 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for business customers.

Our Technologies:
Fiber to the node, with services provided through copper cable to the end destination.

Our Plans for the Future:
In early 2011 to bring HD service to these areas, and in the future to make each region serviced by Fiber To The Home.

For more information please contact George Mack, President/General Manager, at 800-737-3900.

Cap Rock Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
Spur, Texas

History:
In order to provide telephone services to an area that otherwise would not have been served, a group of individuals banded together in 1949 and, with the financial aid of the Rural Electrification Administration (REA), formed Cap Rock Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Construction began in 1951 on six dial offices and approximately 1,300 miles of open-wire line to serve rural customers in Cottle, Crosby, Dickens, Garza, Kent, King, Motley, and Stonewall counties.

In 1959, Cap Rock Telephone had the opportunity to purchase the telephone exchange of Spur from Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. In 1995, the Dickens, Matador, Paducah and Roaring Springs telephone exchanges were purchased from GTE. Cap Rock Telephone purchased the exchanges of Turkey and Quitaque the following year.

Today, Cap Rock Telephone Cooperative owns and operates 16 exchanges in 12 counties. Cap Rock Telephone's infrastructure includes almost 400 miles of fiber optic cable and 2,500 miles of buried cable to provide service to subscribers. Cap Rock Telephone serves approximately 4,800 access lines with exchanges located in Afton, Dickens, Dry Lake, Flomot, Girard, Hackmont, Jayton, Matador, Paducah, Peacock, Quitaque, Roaring Springs, Spur, Turkey, Verbena, and White River.

Counties in Our Service Area:
Briscoe, Cottle, Crosby, Dickens, Floyd, Foard, Garza, Hall, Kent, King, Motley, & Stonewall

Telecommunications and Broadband Services and Support:
DSL Internet - Internet/Trouble Help Desk

Our Technologies:
Digital Voice Service, IP Broadband Services including Internet and TV

Our Plans for the Future:
Increasing our fiber application which will increase the availability of faster internet speed.

For more information please contact Jim Whitefield, Executive Vice President & General Manager, at 806-271-3336.

Central Texas Telephone Cooperative Inc.
Goldthwaite,Texas

History:
Central Texas Telephone Coop was formed in 1951 and serves a 3,500 square mile service area and has 6,359 access lines.

Counties in Our Service Area:
Mills, San Saba, Lampasas, Llano, McCulloch, Concho, Hamilton, Coryell, and Tom Green.

Telecommunications and Broadband Services and Support:
Offer voice and Broadband service to all of our members. We have someone answer our phone's 24 hours a day to offer support for the voice and broadband service we offer our customers.

Our Technologies:
Ethernet, ADSL, Sonet, Digital Switching, Soft Switching

Our Plans for the Future:
Our company plans to continue to build fiber to our DLC's and when we get that done we plan to start taking fiber to homes. We are also planning on converting all 17 of our exchanges into two soft switches in the next two years.

For more information please contact General Manager Jamey Wigley at 325-938-5611.

Coleman County Telephone Coop., Inc.
Santa Anna, Texas

History:
Coleman County Telephone Cooperative, Inc., (CCTC) with headquarters in Santa Anna Texas, is a non-profit telephone cooperative chartered in 1953 under the Texas Telephone Cooperative Act.

In July 1954 the Cooperative applied for and received its first REA loan in the amount of $540,000. With the acquisition of this loan, rapid progress was made within the Cooperative. By 1958 six area telephone exchanges had been built or purchased by CCTC. In order to accommodate the rapidly growing membership, new office and plant facilities were constructed in 1964 in Santa Anna.

Telecommunications and Broadband Services and Support:
- CCTC provides digital switching in all exchanges offering custom and class calling features to all subscribers.
- Provides long distance through its subsidiary, 3TLD.
- Has installed over 150 miles of fiber optic cable.
- Now providing high-speed wireless internet service.
- Awards $3,000 in rural scholarships each year.
- Offers wireless cable television through its subsidiary, CCTI.
- Providing DSL service in all six exchanges.
- Completed the replacement of aerial facilities with buried copper and fiber optic cable in 1999.

For more information please contact Tim Humpert, General Manager of Coleman County Telephone Cooperative, at (915) 348-3124.

Colorado Valley Telephone Coop., Inc.
La Grange, Texas

History:

- Chartered in 1953 and began providing service in 1961 to approximately 550 Cooperative members
- Currently providing service to 6 rural exchanges, covering an 898 square mile area

Telecommunications and Broadband Services and Support:

- Providing one-party service to all members since early 1970s
- Completed the conversion of digitally-switched central offices in 1988 making special calling features available to all Cooperative members
- Completed the replacement of aerial facilities with buried copper and fiber optic cables in 1996 and since then have continued the expansion of the fiber optic network to allow for future broadband service growth to all Cooperative members
- Completed the installation of a fiber ring in 1999 to provide uninterrupted service if the fiber optic cable is cut
- In late 2003, completed the installation of a digital switch upgrade which encompassed removing the obsolete digital switching equipment installed in the 1970s and 1980s and replacing with the latest in digital switching technology allowing for continued high quality voice service and for the increased convergence of data and broadband services into what has traditionally been designed to be a voice network
- Providing cellular service and cellular accessory sales as a limited partner and agent through a subsidiary since 1990
- Internet access has been available through a subsidiary since 1995 - current services offered are dial-up, DSL & dedicated connections, and web page hosting
- High speed Internet service (DSL) is currently available to approximately 90% of the Cooperative's members
- Long distance service including 1+, 800 numbers and calling card service have been provided through a subsidiary since 1998
- Cooperative is currently awarding $28,000 per year in rural scholarships – total amount awarded since 1996 is $176,000 (Scholarships are funded by unclaimed capital credits allowed and made possible by special statute)

For more information please contact Scott Martin, General Manager of Colorado Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc. at (979) 242-5911.

Community Telephone Company
Windthorst, Texas

History:
In 1948, V.N. (Red) Sears, an ex-Southwestern Bell employee, bought the franchise area from Holmes Telephone Co., of Wichita Falls, Texas. Holmes Telephone Co. was owned by J. N. (Jesse) Holmes, the father of Gordon Holmes, who was previously manager of the former Byers-Petrolia Telephone Company. He and his wife, Sara, named the phone company Community Telephone Company. They operated the business out of their house in Scotland, Texas until a large ice storm knocked down all of the lines. After this, they moved to Bluegrove, Texas. Then they moved to Joy and operated the switchboard there until 1953, when they sold the company to Jake and Louise Horn. Jake Horn was employed by a mutually-owned phone company in Muenster, Texas. The Horns moved to Windthorst and moved the switchboard form the Eugene Anderle house to their house and operated it from there until 1958.

The Horns worked with REA to get low-interest loans from the government to build new lines and new buildings. Then on April 22, 1955, Community Telephone Co. was incorporated and sold shares. A total of 818 shares were sold for $50 each.

In August of 1958, the REA loan funds were approved and two buildings were built. New lines were installed and the company went to dial service. The number of customers increased to 175 in Windthorst. The Scotland exchange, which was previously part of the Windthorst exchange, was added in 1973. The Bluegrove exchange was added in 1969. This exchange was previously part of the Joy exchange. In 1970, the company acquired the area around the Lake Kickapoo and built the Lake Kickapoo exchange. Community Telephone went to one-party service throughout all exchanges in 1974 and in 1975 the company added the Lake Arrowhead exchange. Also, in the same year, it installed digital T-Carrier and added Direct Distant Dialing to all exchanges.

Floyd and Betty Humpert bought controlling interest on Community Telephone Company on September 1, 1975. Floyd had been working with the company part-time since 1953. Shortly after, he went to full time and by 1955, was plant superintendent. After Floyd purchased the controlling interest, he hired four of his six sons. Presently, all six sons and one of his daughters are working for the company. Floyd worked for the company for 36 years until his death on July 20 ,1989. Betty Humpert started with the company on September 2, 1975. She has been here since and, as a result of Floyd's death, has become President of the company.

Counties in Our Service Area:
Archer, Clay, North Jack

Our Technologies:
Broadband, Dial up, Softswitching

Our Plans for the Future:
In the future we are planning bury fiber to the home to increase our bandwidth to our rural customers. And possibly offer triple play services.

For more information, please contact General Manager Clifford Humpert at 940-423-6201.

Cumby Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
Cumby, Texas

History:
Cumby Telephone Cooperative, Inc. was founded in 1967. The Bell telephone system (AT&T prior to 1984) chose not to serve our area because it wasn't profitable to run lines out from the nearest city. So people in our area joined together, developed, financed, and built Cumby Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Cumby Telephone Cooperative is a vital part of the community. Our commitment to members goes far beyond the bottom-line. We are partners with the community we serve.

Counties in Our Service Area:
Hopkins, Hunt, Rains, and Delta

Telecommunications and Broadband Services and Support:
Land Line Phone, Long Distance, Dial Up internet, DSL, High Speed internet through FTTH

Our Technologies:
Soft Switch (CS1500), OCCAM DSL AND FTTH, Next Level Communication DSL

Our Plans for the Future:
Add IPTV to our service offering.

For more information please contact Jason Back, Technical Coordinator at 903-382-1000.

Dell Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
Dell City, Texas

History:
In 1956, a group of farmers in Dell City started organizing Dell City Telephone Cooperative. They applied for an REA loan to build lines and switches. Dell Telephone officially cut over on November 26, 1958

In 1981, the Cooperative started providing telephone service to Timberon, New Mexico

Telecommunications and Broadband Services and Support:

- Provide services to approximately 1,450 access lines in six exchanges, covering a 10,500 square mile area in Texas and New Mexico
- Installed Digital Switching in the early 1980's and single party service
- Installed Fiber Optic Network in late 1990's and early 2000
- The Cooperative has 21 employees and provides vertical services: Internet, leased fiber facilities and reliable telephone service

Our Plans for the Future:

- Engineering for DSL

For more information please contact Denny Bergstrom, General Manager at (915) 964-2352.

Eastex Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
Henderson, Texas

History:
Eastex Telephone Coop., Inc. (Eastex) was chartered in 1950, and has 21 exchanges serving approximately 2250 square miles in East Texas. Our service area is all rural and is divided into three geographic areas, serving portions of 11 counties. All exchanges are equipped with the latest technology in softswitches. As of December 2010, Eastex had a total of 24,023 access lines. We have approximately 5,241 route miles of copper cable and 377 miles of fiber optic cable. Eastex is actively installing fiber optic cable throughout our service area to shorten the loop and be able to provide more bandwidth.

Counties in Our Service Area:
Cherokee, Hardin, Harrison, Liberty, Panola, Polk, Rusk, San Jacinto, Shelby, Tyler, Walker

Telecommunications and Broadband Services and Support:
- Local telephone service, including Business, Residential, Centrex, ISDN PRI, and Channelized T-1
- All enhanced calling features available with latest softswitch technology
- Long Distance
- Internet, including aDSL Broadband in a variety of speed packages

Our Technologies:
- Genband Softswitch
- Ciena Lightwave Equipment
- Adtran
- Cisco
- Telstrat

Our Plans for the Future:
It shall be the aim of Eastex Telephone Cooperative, Inc. to provide dependable area-wide telephone service on the cooperative plan and at the lowest cost consistent with sound economy and good management. To this end, we continue to upgrade and expand equipment to provide not only dial tone service, but broadband services to all of our subscribers. As of December, 2010 all 21 exchanges have been upgraded to the latest softswitch technology. Installation of additional fiber and copper cable facilities along with new and improved digital loop equipment will continue to reduce the customer loop length and increase the speed capacity for broadband delivery.

For more information please contact:

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Rusty Dorman	Assistant Manager	903-854-1000
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ENMR Telephone Coop., Inc.- Texas
Clovis, New Mexico

History:
ENMR Telephone Cooperative was founded in 1949 and provides telephone services to 13,000 access lines in 25 exchanges in East/Northeast New Mexico and West Texas.

For more information, visit http://www.plateautel.com/about.cfm

Telecommunications and Broadband Services and Support:
- Local Access, CLASS and Custom Calling features, Voice Messaging, Long Distance, Dial-up Internet, ADSL, ITV, Operator Services, Business Telephone Systems, CPE sales
- 13,000 access lines
- 62,000 Wireless subs in West Texas and Eastern New Mexico (Subsidiary)
- 7200 Internet subs (Subsidiary)
- 7000 Long Distance subs (Subsidiary)
- DSL available to over 94% of subscriber base
- Fiber to each RST and LET and many DLC's
- 1300 miles of long haul fiber facilities in West Texas and Eastern New Mexico
- For more information, visit http://www.plateautel.com/products.cfm

Our Plans for the Future:
- Investigating possibility of providing fiber to every DLC
- Investigating possibility of FTTH (fiber to the home)

For more information please contact Tom Phelps, Chief Executive Officer at (505) 389-4220.

Etex Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
Gilmer, Texas

History:
Etex Telephone was formed in 1952. The first telephones were installed June 1, 1955 in the Pritchett exchange. And in August the Bettie and Rosewood exchanges went into operation bringing the total to 171 paying members in the cooperative.

In December of 1956 the Coop purchased the Ore City and Harleton exchanges adding 286 main stations. Another expansion came in 1961 with the building of the Mims exchange. This added another 80 members. More expansion came in 1965 when the Pine Acres exchange was added.

Etex Telephone in the short time of about 14 years had grown to 3,340 main stations and seven exchanges with 22 full time employees.

In 1994, Etex Telephone developed an evolution plan that would: (1) meet future growth needs; (2) provide a platform for a network that would call for the provisioning of enhanced (i.e., class, ISDN, DSL) services within established carrier serving areas; (3) provide SONET architecture throughout the network over fiber optic cable; (4) create a self-healing network; (5) provide for migration to broadband (voice and multimedia) services.

In 1996, Etex began construction in the Rosewood exchange as per the evolution plan developed in 1994 and now has 80 CSAs (carrier serving areas) in 7 exchanges.

Today Etex provides service to approximately 16,780 access lines in 7 exchanges, covering a 710 square mile area including 1 city and parts of 7 counties in Texas with more than 130 full and part-time employees.

Telecommunications and Broadband Services and Support:
- Constructed 1,993 route miles of facilities
- Offered one-party service 1976
- Offered tone dialing since 1982
- Installed digital switches in 1982
- Offered custom calling features since 1982
- Installed fiber optic ring in 1988 to connect 9 switching offices
- Offered toll free Internet service by an affiliate company since May 1996
- Offered class features since 1995
- Yellow Pages on line (Internet) May 2000
- Annually award $25,000 in rural scholarships
- Ore City Business Office opened May 2000
- White Page Listings on line (Internet) January 2001
- Offered Calling Name Delivery first quarter of 2001
- Holly Lake Business Office opened March 2006
- ISDN service in all exchanges October 1995
- Distance Learning Network (ET-Link - 5 schools connected to high-speed internet) March 1998
- Offer DSL services in 99% or better of all 7 exchanges

Our Plans for the Future:

- Etex has completed Phase I of CSA design to 18,000 ft. and is now redesigning Network Facilities to lower CSA to 10,000 ft. for IPTV
- IPTV digital TV service now available to 50% of subscribers and to all subscribers by end of 2010

For more information, please contact Danny Kellar, General Manager of Etex Telephone Cooperative, Inc., at (903) 797-2711 or dannyk@etex.net.

Five Area Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
Muleshoe, Texas

History:
Five Area Telephone Cooperative, Inc. was chartered in May 1950. The Cooperative provides service to approximately 1500 access lines in 6 exchanges, covering a 2000 square mile area in 6 counties. Our service area density is less than one subscriber per square mile (0.74).

Telecommunications and Broadband Services and Support:
- Constructed 1737 route mile facilities
- Completed installation of digital switches in 1987
- Began offering custom calling features in 1987
- Formed cellular partnership in 1990
- Converted to Equal Access in 1993
- Began offering enhanced custom calling features (including Caller ID) in 1995
- Acquired 5 GTE exchanges with approximately 6000 access lines in 1995
- Offered toll free Internet service through an affiliate since 1996
- Currently partnered with 6 schools in our serving area to form the Five Area Community Telecommunications Consortium (F.A.C.T. Consortium) offering broadband services including high speed internet and interactive video to the schools. The 6 schools are all linked together as well as being linked to their regional service center in Lubbock and South Plains College in Levelland. Through ITV, the schools are able to offer high level high school courses to the schools that might not otherwise be able to offer these courses, as well as offering college courses and in-house teacher training.
- Awarded $4,600 in rural scholarships in 1999, $4,200 in 2000, $8,400 in 2001, $5,650 in 2002, and $8,400 in 2003.

Our Plans for the Future:
Five Area Telephone Cooperative, Inc. is actively pursuing technology that will allow for the cost-effective deployment of broadband services in areas of low density and great mileage distances. More than 60% of our subscribers are located farther than 10 miles from the central office and many are more than 20 miles.

Five Area Telephone offers broadband services in 100% of its exchanges, which include Bula, Lariat, Lazbuddie, Lehman, Maple and Needmore.

For more information, please contact Sandy Vandevender, General Manager of Five Area Telephone Cooperative, at (806) 272-5533.

Ganado Telephone Company, Inc.
Ganado, Texas

History:
Ganado Telephone Company is a small rural Incumbent Local Exchange (ILEC) Service Provider, which has been a locally owned and operated company since 1945. We supply voice and data communications services to over 2500 South Texas businesses and residents of Ganado, Louise (including Hillje) and Markham (including Buckeye and Clemville).

Ganado Telephone Company has always been on the cutting edge of communications services. Among the first Texas telephone service providers to establish "Direct Dial" service, "Digital Switching" and "Improved Mobile Telephone Service", Ganado Telephone Company has always been motivated by technology.

After partnering with GTE Mobilnet to bring cellular telephone service to the area in 1988, and then teaming with Hughes Communications in 1994 to develop DIRECTV, it became necessary to develop a new business unit to pursue and enhance these new communications technologies. YK Communications was established in 1995 as a wholly owned subsidiary of Ganado Telephone Company to market and support our non-regulated business activities.

Both the parent company and subsidiary strive to meet one common goal, to provide the latest technology with the highest reliability at the most cost effective rates. Our owners, management and staff live in, work in and support the communities we serve.

Counties in Our Service Area:
Jackson, Matagorda and Wharton

Telecommunications and Broadband Services and Support:
Between our two companies, we currently provide:
Local Telephone Services
Business Telephone Systems
Data Communications Services
Fiber Optic Transport Services
Long-Distance Services
Cellular Telephone Services
Satellite Entertainment Programming and Services
Dial-Up Internet Service
DSL High Speed Internet Service
High Speed Wireless Internet Service
High Speed Satellite Internet Service
High Speed Network Internet Connectivity
Internet Domain and Email Hosting Services
Paging Services

Our Technologies:
Analog and Digital Copper local loop, aDSL, Fiber to the Node, Fiber to the Home, Optical Ethernet, Unlicensed Wireless,

Our Plans for the Future:
Ganado Telephone Co., Inc. is currently engineering and requesting USDA – RUS funding to upgrade the city of Ganado area to a Fiber To The Home deployment. Upon completion we will begin engineering similar projects for our Wharton and Matagorda county service areas where density makes it fiscally possible.

For more information please contact Bill Rakowitz, General Manager, at (361) 771-3331.

Hill Country Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
Ingram, Texas

History:
On February 13, 1951, a group of five men met and formed Hill Country Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (HCTC) for the purpose of furnishing area-wide telephone service in rural areas to the widest practical number of users. Being based on the Cooperative plan at the lowest cost, consistent with sound economic decisions and good management, Hill Country Telephone Cooperative, Inc. today provides telecommunication services in 15 exchanges located in 14 counties spread over 2900 square miles in rugged Hill Country terrain. The Cooperative is governed by an 11-member Board of Directors representing nine districts.

The Texas Hill Country continues to grow and the needs and demographics of its subscriber base are evolving beyond satisfaction with traditional telephony. HCTC realizes the importance of broadband availability for rural economic development and introduced Digital Subscriber Line Service (ADSL) in late 2005. HCTC has embarked on a mission to make broadband available throughout its service area achieving a present broadband service penetration of over 50% of the member base. When almost universally available bandwidth of up to 17-20 Mbps is achieved, HCTC will have the capability to deliver an array of new services and products to its members.

Already accomplished in this project are the introduction of Softswitch technology and the establishment of an access tandem for the Cooperative's network. This not only gives the Cooperative control over its network, but also creates a pathway for the migration of our entire network toward Internet Protocol.

As the future of telecommunications is unfolding and broadband is the direction, Hill Country's plans for an aggressive modernization of its network will strategically position itself to meet the ever-changing needs of its members today and into the future.

Counties in Our Service Area: (14)
Bandera, Edwards, Gillespie, Kendall, Kerr, Kimble, Llano, Mason, McCulloch, Medina, Menard, Real, San Saba, Uvalde

Telecommunications and Broadband Services and Support:
HCTC ILEC offers a complete set of standard telephony features including dial tone, all Class and Custom Calling Features, analog and digital trunks, PRI services, SONET and Ethernet based High Capacity Private Lines, wholesale Residential and Business DSL services with standard offerings up to 3 Mbps and special requests to 10 Mbps over copper plant and symmetrical bandwidth services up to 1Gbps over fiber optics where facilities permit. Ethernet Transport Services are available via the NECA Tariff in all exchanges where facilities permit.

HCTC's ISP offers email, dial-up and broadband Internet Services, Web Site and data hosting, and IP related customer installation and maintenance services. In addition, HCTC is now in trial to provide video services and has provisioned services to a limited number of employees and "friendly" beta users for evaluation prior to full commercial launch later this year. HCTC also offers Private Branch Exchange (PBX) and Business Systems, Personal Computer Repair, Security Alarms, and a variety of customer support services regarding home networking, business Local Access Networks (LANs), etc.

Our Technologies:
HCTC's existing ILEC Network consists of 2 Nortel (Genband) CS1500 Softswitch hosts, 6 Nortel DMS 10 hosts, and 7 DMS 10 remote switches. One of the CS1500 Softswitches is dual purposed, also functioning as our Access Tandem. The two Softswitch locations are also equipped with CISCO 9600 Core Routers for access to and management of an interoffice network of 10Gb Interoffice Rings, 1Gb local loop Access Rings, and Internet Protocol (IP) based next generation Access Concentrators serving approximately 60% of the current access line base. Proactive network alarm and management activities are supported by a newly constructed Network Operations Center (NOC).

The cable plant remains dominantly copper but fiber optic cable is being installed at an accelerated rate, limited primarily by our ability to financially leverage ourselves for additional construction costs. Fiber optic placement is concentrated in the "feeder" area of the outside plant to provision the new IP based ADSL2+ Access Concentrators. Fiber-to-the-Premise is utilized in Greenfield situations (new subdivisions, etc.) or incidental to fiber builds where it is an economic alternative compared to retained copper. Over 400 miles of fiber optic cable has been placed into service in the last three years but the nearly 3000 miles of existing copper plant is being retained and reconditioned for short distance distribution of 5000 to 7000 feet. Either directly from the Central Offices or via the field Concentrator locations, the current network reaches approximately 84% of the member base with broadband services.

In addition to the above, approximately 300 WildBlue satellite installations remain utilized for Internet and X2NSAT Satellite technology for IP Voice and data services is being introduced to serve extremely high cost to reach customer locations.

Our Plans for the Future:
HCTC has received a Broadband Infrastructure Program (BIP) Grant/Loan combination under Round 2. This $12.234 million award will enable HCTC to essentially complete its Fiber-to-the-Node strategy in its remaining six exchanges that have not been adequately addressed. This strategy calls for 158 miles of new fiber optic cable to provision additional concentrator locations with 5000 to 7000 feet of retained copper distribution cable. This upgraded network will pass 1685 household and business locations delivering a minimum of 6 Mbps up to 20 Mbps.

Longer range but currently unfunded plans call for increased fiber optic construction enabling further penetration of Fiber-to-the-Premise, dramatic reduction of Central Office locations, and ever increasing broadband bandwidth to our served premises.

For more information please contact Delbert Wilson, General Manager, at (830) 367-5333.

Industry Telephone Company
Industry, Texas

History:
In September of 1955, Mr. Clifford S. Ackley, who worked for Southwestern Bell at the time, installed a switchboard in a shed in the backyard of a neighbor's house in Industry, Texas. From this humble beginning, Industry Telephone Company was started. In 1956, C. S., his wife Thelma and son Gaylen began working evenings and weekends to upgrade the operation. Later in the year, C. S. purchased a small house, renovated it, and installed a rural telephone line, thus becoming the 1st business office.

In 1960 Industry Telephone Company purchased the rights to operate the New Ulm Telephone Company and in 1963 purchased the telephone exchange in Carmine, Texas.

In 1967, Industry Telephone Company applied for loan from the Rural Electrification Administration (REA) to upgrade buildings and facilities. In 1969, construction began on a new facility (the current business office and warehouse) and in 1971, Industry Telephone Company became the first independent telephone company in the area to provide Direct Distance Dialing (1+ Long Distance) in the Carmine exchange.

The late 1970's and early 1980's saw Gaylen taking a more active role in running the business, with C. S. and Thelma taking it a little bit easier.

By 1990, all of the central offices for Industry Telephone Company were converted to digital, enabling the company to offer a lot more in services to its customers. We were also able to bury 100% of the telephone cable into the ground, which resulted in less maintenance and better customer relations. In addition, Industry Telephone Company partnered with other telephone companies to bring cellular telephone service to the rural area.

Today, Industry Telephone Company is owned by Gaylen's wife Mary (Gaylen passed away in December 2000) and his daughter, Robin Marek, is the General Manager. The company has approximately 2,200 access lines. It also has over 1150 DSL customers.

Counties in Our Service Area
Austin, Colorado, Fayette, Lee, Washington

Telecommunications and Broadband Services and Support:
Industry Telephone Company, along with its affiliate Industry I-Net provides telecommunications services such as:

- Local Telephone Service
- Long Distance
- Custom Calling Features
- Jack & Wire Installation
- Repair Service
- ADSL
- Web Hosting
- Co-Location Servers

Our Technologies:

- Calix C7 Multiservice Platform
- Calix E5 Series Ethernet Multiservice Access Platform
- Cyan WDM
- Lucent Compact SoftSwitch
- GenBand Central Offices
- Charles Industries Extended Loops

Our Plans for the Future:

- Increase DSL Speeds
- Shorten Copper Loops
- Fiber to the Home
- Cell Site Back Haul Via Fiber

For more information, please contact Robin Marek, General Manager at 979-357-4411.

La Ward Telephone Exchange, Inc.
La Ward, Texas

History:
Through years of economic upheaval, including the depression and a major hurricane, four generations of the Green family have kept La Ward Telephone Exchange a viable and community oriented enterprise. La Ward Telephone Exchange, Inc. was established in 1948. La Ward, Lolita and Port Alto were all served through the La Ward exchange with a total of 172 customers. In 1953 an exchange was established in Lolita.

The company faced almost total destruction when Hurricane Carla hit Texas in 1961. Very few poles were left standing and there was no service in the area. During the restoration period following Hurricane Carla, the dial office was moved to Port Alto and a new dial office was built in Lolita with Stromberg equipment.

By 1977 the company had outgrown existing lines and with the help of an REA loan, construction of buried cable lines began. By the end of 1979 customers had Direct Distance Dialing and switchboard and operators were no longer necessary.

Today La Ward Telephone consists of the same three exchanges with 860 access lines and ten employees. It offers Digital Switching, Data and Fiber Optic technology.

The business encourages employees to volunteer their time to community organizations for the good of the counties it serves. La Ward also has a scholarship program which awards scholarships each year to several students.

Counties in our Service Area:
Jackson and Calhoun

Telecommunications and Broadband Services and Support:
At present La Ward Telephone offers all of the traditional telephone services including tone dial, call forwarding, call waiting and 3-way calling as well as "Class Features" including calling number and name, number automatic recall and call screening. La Ward Telephone also offers its residential broadband customers DSL service with up to 1.5 Megabit down and 512 Kilobit up.

For our Business Customers, La Ward Telephone offers many popular features such as: call hunting, pilot groups, distinctive ringing, and many others including installing and maintaining Digital Key Systems and Ethernet Networks at the customer premise. For their broadband needs La Ward Telephone presently offers DSL with up to 6 Megabits down and 1.5 Megabits up, along with point to point services such as DS3, DS1 / T1, and Digital Data circuits.

Our Technologies:
La Ward Telephone's technologies include SONET Fiber Terminal Transports between all of its Exchanges and Inter-Exchange Toll connection, a Soft Switch with DS1 / DS3 and GigE interfaces which supports SS7, GR303, SIP, MGCP, VOIP packet protocols along with a Mobile interface which supports up to a 4G GSM / CDMA radio connections. La Ward Telephone delivers its digital and IP services to our customers over 17 "fiber connected" Digital carriers deployed to create a 15K feet copper loop design, as well as Fiber To The Home additions in the newest business and residential developments.

Our Plans for the Future:
La Ward Telephone is presently upgrading all of its Digital Carriers with GigE Transports, Ethernet and ADSL2+ (2B) broadband capabilities, along with additional Fiber Cable installations to enhance the existing infrastructure in order to deliver the latest communications and broadband needs to our customers.

For more information, please contact Terri Parker, General Manager, at 361-872-2211.

Lake Livingston Telephone Co
Livingston, Texas

History:
Lake Livingston Tel was started in 1974 and has since updated our equipment to be able to offer our customers Digital Service with amenities that comes with the new Broadband world.

Counties in Our Service Area:
Polk

Telecommunications and Broadband Services and Support:
- Digital Switching,
- High Speed DSL,
- Fiber Optic service
- IPTV
- High Definition with DVR service
- Various custom calling services.

Our Technologies:
- Digital switching
- IPTV
- Broadband DSL
- Fiber Optic service

Our Plans for the Future:
Enhance our Fiber Network, continue upgrading our IPTV offering of HD with DVR service.

For more information please contact Terry Gentle, General Manager, at 936-566-4000.

Lipan Telephone Company
Lipan, Texas

History
Lipan Telephone was established in 1956 and provides service to approximately 1200 access lines in 2 exchanges, covering a 262 square mile area including 2 cities and 4 counties.

Telecommunications and Broadband Services and Support:
- Constructed 332 route miles facilities
- Offered one party service since 1971
- Offered tone dialing since 1989
- Installed digital switch in 1989
- Installed fiber optic ring in 1989
- Offered toll free Internet service by an affiliate company since March 1997
- Awarded $3,000 in rural scholarships in 1999 and 3,500 in 2000
- Lipan Telephone began offering DSL in 2001

Our Plans for the Future:
Lipan Telephone presently has under construction outside plant renovation in which remote central offices will be constructed and wire facilities upgraded to achieve 18K loops through out the service area.

For more information please contact John Howard, Manager of Lipan Telephone Company, at (254) 646-2211.

Livingston Telephone Company
Livingston, Texas

History:
Livingston Telephone Company was formed in 1903. It is a privately held Corporation and a minority controlled Corporation.

Counties in Our Service Area:
Polk County

Telecommunications and Broadband Services and Support:
- Converted to Digital in 1984
- Installed Fiber Optic in 1992
- Started offering Toll Free Internet by affiliate company in March 1996
- Completed Bi-Directional Fiber Ring in 1997
- Started offering ISDN in 1999
- Converted Single Ring to Dual Bi-Directional Fiber Ring in 2000
- Started offering DSL services in March 2000
- Started offering CATV via DSL by affiliate company in May 2000
- Started offering VoIP in 2004
- Offered fiber ring for the local school district and county offices since before the E-Rate program was implemented. This is provided in a non-regulatory environment at a better rate than the E-Rate program provides.

Livingston Telephone Company offers Broadband Internet Access with speeds up to 150 Mbps as well as Digital Cable TV through its affiliate, Telcom Supply. Livingston Telephone Company presently offers 100% Fiber to the subdivision with several businesses serviced by full fiber access within our serving territory.

Livingston Telephone Company believes in providing services a customer needs and wants, not just bare services, even if it requires the services to be provided through an affiliate.

Our Technologies:
Digital switches; Fiber Optics; DSL; CATV; VoIP

For more information, please contact Curt Walzel, President of Livingston Telephone Company at (936) 327-4309.

Mid-Plains Rural Telephone Cooperative Inc.
Tulia, Texas

History:
Mid-Plains Rural Telephone Cooperative Inc. was established in 1950 to bring telephone service to the rural areas of several counties in the Texas panhandle.

The company currently provides service to 10 exchanges Bean, Elkins, Cleta, Goodnight, Gurley, Kress, Redmon, Silverton, Umbarger and Vigo Park.

Counties in Our Service Area:
Mid-Plains provides telephone and broadband services to subscribers in Armstrong, Briscoe, Randall, Swisher and part of Castro County.

Telecommunications and Broadband Services and Support:
Today Mid-Plains offers digital phone and ASDL broadband services with 24/7 support.

Our Technologies:
Mid-Plains recently installed a Metaswitch softswitch that has redundant ringed fiber connections to all 10 exchange offices. Subscribers in the Kress and Silverton exchanges have FTTH and construction is underway to bring FTTH to many parts of the remaining exchanges.

Remote Calix equipment sites connected via fiber have been strategically located throughout the exchanges allowing Mid-Plains to offer faster broadband speeds and additional calling features to the subscribers in these areas.

Our Plans for the Future:
Mid-Plains continues to build FTTH in several exchanges and our goal is to have FTTH to all subscribers enabling Mid-Plains to bring state of the art technologies to each subscriber located within our serving area.

For more information please contact Brent A. Kennedy, General Manager at (806) 668-4420 or email bkennedy@midplains.org.

Nortex Communications
Muenster, Texas

History:
Muenster Telephone Corp. of Texas was formed in 1909 and celebrated its first 100 years of service in 2009. The company changed its name to Nortex Communications in 2000 in an effort to better reflect all the areas it served.

Valley View Telephone Company merged with Muenster Telephone in 1989.

The Company began offering Cable Television service in 1967.

The Company offered wireless services starting in 1990 as a cellular agent and partner in RSA 6 and has owned an interest in several PCS licenses as well as owns the 700 Mhz license in RSA 6. The Company provides telephone service to approximately 3800 access lines in 6 exchanges, covering approximately a 500 square mile area including 5 towns and 3 counties.

The Company began offering Broadband Service in 1999 and today serves approximately 3500 customers utilizing Fiber-to-the-Home, DSL, cable modems and wireless services. These broadband services are provided both inside and outside of our telephone service area.

Counties in Our Service Area:
The Company's service area is in Cooke county and parts of Montague and Denton counties.

Telecommunications and Broadband Services and Support:

- The Company began offering digital switching services in 1984 (Muenster) and 1985 (Valley View) and in 2010 it installed a soft switch to be able to offer the latest IP switching services.
- Installed a fiber optic network between all exchanges in 1994 and achieved total local network fiber redundancy in 2002. The Company provided Fiber-to-the-Home services to the towns of Muenster and Valley View in 2007.
- Offered Cable TV service to Muenster in 1967, to Valley View in 1984, to Lindsay, Lake Kiowa and Collinsville in 1996 and to Saint Jo in 2006. High Definition TV service has been available since 2005 and began offering Video on Demand service in 2010.
- Began offering internet access in 1996 with DSL service added in 1999. The Company has offered broadband service to all subscribers within our telephone service area since 2009 with speeds ranging up to 8 mb or higher.
- Began offering cable modem services in our non-telco areas of Collinsville, Lake Kiowa, Lindsay and Saint Jo in 2004 and upgraded to DOCSIS 3.0 in 2010 to offer increased broadband speeds which currently range up to 7 mb.
- Linked our fiber network to a statewide network to offer long haul transmission services to carriers and others in 1997.
- Offered long distance services in 1999.
- Began offering wireless fixed broadband services to unserved areas outside of our serving area in 2004.
- Began offering Home Security installation and monitoring services in 2010.
- Opened a new Technology Store in 2010 which offers our cellular sales and services as well as computer sales and repair.

Our Technologies:

- Switching – Metaswitch soft switch
- Broadband – DSL is ADSL 2+ utilizing Calix DLC cabinets, Cable Modems are DOCSIS 3.0 and Wireless services are combination of 700 Mhz, 900 Mhz and 3.65 WiMax.
- Video – 860 Mhz analog/digital delivery, High Definition and Video on Demand services.
- Transport – Gig E or Sonet

Our Plans for the Future:

- Voice services will be added for our non-telco cable customers.
- Upgrade wireless broadband services to LTE 4G technology and expand service area.
- Continue fiber to the home deployment in growth areas and complete fiber to all DLC cabinets.

For more information please contact Joey Anderson, Chief Operations Officer for Nortex at 940-759-2251.

Panhandle Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
Guymon, Oklahoma

History:
Panhandle Telephone Cooperative, Inc. was formed in 1956 to provide service in the rural areas of the Oklahoma panhandle. The Cooperative purchased the GTE exchanges of the Oklahoma panhandle in 1994 expanding the Cooperative's service area to encompass the entire Oklahoma panhandle. Also served by the Cooperative are the Texas areas of the Texhoma, Guymon, and Hardesty exchanges.

Telecommunications and Broadband Services and Support:

- Panhandle provides access lines to approximate 14,800 subscribers, which includes 241 lines in the Texas areas.
- Panhandle converted its first digital switch in 1985.
- Panhandle upgraded to offer CLASS, ISDN, Centrex, SS7 and other advanced features in 1990.
- Panhandle's affiliate began offering cellular service in the Oklahoma Panhandle in 1990.
- Panhandle's affiliate began offering Internet service in 1995.
- Panhandle's affiliate began operating as a facility based CLEC in the city of Perryton, Texas in 2000. CLEC operations were expanded to Spearman, Texas in 2005 and Booker, Texas in 2007.
- Panhandle's affiliate began offering long distance service in 2005.
- Panhandle's affiliate provides DSL to all of Panhandle's 22 exchanges including the towns of Texhoma, Texas and Guymon, Texas.
- Panhandle's affiliate provides video programming in 15 of the 22 exchanges including the town of Texhoma, Texas.
- Panhandle's affiliate provides high-speed internet and video programming in its CLEC towns of Perryton, Spearman, and Booker, Texas.

For more information please contact Mike Carter, Cost & Traffic Studies Accountant, at (580) 338-2556.

Peoples Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
Quitman, Texas

History
Peoples Telephone first offered service in 1955 with 263 members in 5 exchanges. Peoples now offers service to 12,600 members in 13 exchanges, covering a 1,000 square mile area including 5 cities and 14 counties.

Telecommunications and Broadband Services and Support:

- Peoples has constructed 4,350 route miles of facilities.
- Peoples has offered one-party service since 1970.
- With the exception of portions of 1996-1997, Peoples Telephone has been a totally digital system since 1987. The first digital switch was installed in 1981.
- Peoples offers the following optional services: tone dialing, anonymous call block, call forwarding – all, call forwarding – busy, call forwarding – no answer, call waiting, cancel call waiting, caller ID – number, complete block – per line, speed calling 30, three-way calling, and voice mail.
- Peoples has been installing and using fiber optic cable since 1987.
- Through subsidiary companies, Peoples offers: alarm systems, calling card services, wireless services, interactive fiber-linked classrooms, internet services, long distance services, and broadband services.
- Peoples awards $15,000.00 in rural scholarships every year.
- Peoples Wireless now offers wireless internet access.

Our Plans for the Future:
Peoples Communications plans to offer VoIP services within the next two years.

For more information please contact Robbie Allen, Manager of Peoples Telephone Cooperative, Inc., at (903) 763-2214.

Poka Lambro Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
Tahoka, Texas

History:
In 1950 a group of visionary West Texans chartered Poka Lambro Telephone Cooperative, Inc. and established a long-term commitment to provide reliable rural telephone service using the most advanced technology available. This commitment has transformed Poka Lambro into one of the southwest's leading telecommunications companies.

The name "Poka Lambro" is derived from the county seats of the towns around which the Cooperative originally served - Post, Tahoka, Lamesa, and Brownfield.

Counties in Our Service Area:
Lynn, Terry, Yoakum, Garza, Borden, Gaines, Dawson, Martin, Hockley and Lubbock.

Telecommunications and Broadband Services and Support:
ADSL, Long Distance, Security, Wireless Internet, Ethernet

Our Technologies:
Fiber to the Home, EWSD, SS7, Calix

Our Plans for the Future:
Expanding fiber throughout our network to enhance customers' data and telecommunications services and increase broadband speeds.

For more information please contact David McEndree, CEO at 800-422-2387 or 806-924-7234.

Riviera Telephone Company, Inc.
Riviera, Texas

History:
Riviera Telephone Company, Inc. (RTC) was formed in 1934 and incorporated in 1964. RTC provides service to approximately 1300 access lines in 4 exchanges, covering approximately a 950 square mile area including parts of 3 counties.

Telecommunications and Broadband Services and Support:

- Offered one-party service and total underground facilities since 1965
- Offered tone dialing in 1981, 100% tone dialing in 1988
- Installed digital switches in 1988
- Installed fiber optic toll facility in 1992
- In 1995, we became equal access and SS7.
- In 1996, we offered voice mail.
- Offered unlimited Internet dial up access since September 1996
- Offered CATV service by an affiliate company from January 1997 to January 2009
- Installed 90 miles of fiber optic distribution to remote areas to provide DSL and DLC's and connect the Riviera host digital switch office to all remote digital switch offices from 1999 through 2004 (currently, RTC has 104.24 miles of fiber in service)
- RTC has offered DSL since July 2000. Initially this service was offered only in the Riviera Exchange, but it is now provided in all four exchanges. RTC currently has 321 DSL customers.
- WIFI installed in RV Park for use by Winter Texans in December 2005
- Our website was completely overhauled in April 2004 to be more customer friendly and functional. It is in a constant state of "upgrade". Please visit our website at www.rivnet.com.

Our Plans for the Future:

- Offer video services via fiber or copper
- Offer wireless DSL

For more information, please contact Bill Colston, Jr., President/General Manager of Riviera Telephone Company, Inc. at rtc@rivnet.com or at (361) 296-3232.

Santa Rosa Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
Vernon, Texas

History:
Santa Rosa Telephone Cooperative, Inc. was formed in 1951 to provide service to customers in rural areas where existent companies would not. The Cooperative provides service to approximately 4,000 subscribers in 18 exchanges as an incumbent and competitive local exchange carrier. We also provide service to customers in uncertificated areas.

Telecommunications and Broadband Services and Support:
- Constructed 1,774 copper route miles
- Constructed 449 fiber route miles
- Offered one-party service since 1981
- Offered touch tone dialing since 1981
- Installed digital central office switches in 1988
- Offered Toll free Internet service by affiliate company Santa Rosa Communications, Inc. since January 2000
- Offered Long Distance by affiliate company Santa Rosa Communications, Inc. in 1999
- Awarded 2,000 in rural scholarships in 2001

Our Plans for the Future:
Santa Rosa Telephone Cooperative, Inc. is currently testing ADSL (Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line) in our CLEC exchanges where new plant has been built in entirety. These new plants consist of DLC's (Digital Loop Carrier) designed for loop lengths that do not exceed eighteen thousand feet and will support broadband services. We plan to offer this service to all CLEC customers.

Santa Rosa offers ADSL in two ILEC exchanges. DLC design plans will continue for all ILEC exchanges.

Through Special Access, dedicated leased facilities, a majority of Santa Rosa Telephone customers have access to 56K, 64K, and T1 digital services over the local loop.

Currently investigating the purchase of a "Soft Switch" to replace legacy switches. This will afford complete integration of Voice, Video and Data. Santa Rosa Telephone is also investigating transport equipment to do the same.

For more information please contact Larry Huffstutler, Santa Rosa Telephone Cooperative, Inc. at (888) 886-2217.

South Plains Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
Lubbock, Texas

History:
In 1945, South Plains Electric Cooperative (SPEC) offered Southwestern Bell, now AT&T, the opportunity to provide telephone service to their area using much of SPEC's existing equipment. Southwestern Bell declined the offer and the area continued to be without communication for another seven years.

On December 16, 1949, a group of individuals served by SPEC met to consider forming a company to provide themselves telephone service. The group called the company South Plains Rural Telephone Association (SPRTA). With SPEC already having the necessary business and construction facilities to begin the new endeavor, the SPRTA became a subsidiary of SPEC.

The group applied for loans from the Rural Electrification Association (REA) and began collecting a $50.00 membership fee from area persons who wanted to receive service. In April of 1950, the group applied for The Articles of Incorporation and SPRTA learned the name would have to be changed to South Plains Telephone Cooperative (SPTC).

Being one of the first rural telephone cooperatives, SPTC met with a great deal of opposition and conflict. Many of the members became impatient while waiting for service and began to petition larger established companies for service to some of the larger areas in the SPTC service area.

The conflict over this area continued all the way to Washington D C. A small group of representatives from the Cooperative traveled to lobby the politicians to reach a decision. A large portion of the country hinged on the outcome of this event. The decision made here would set a precedent by which all other cooperatives would follow. Through the hard work and diligence of those representatives, Congress established the SPTC territory and declared the service boundaries.

Construction proceeded on a shoe-string budget and the hope that the REA grant would be approved. In January of 1951, Congress approved $25,000,000 for telephone cooperatives throughout the United States. South Plains Telephone Cooperative received $1,200,000 of the funds. This made SPTC the recipient of the second largest allocation in the United States at the time. These funds covered 90 percent of the cost, leaving the members to provide the other ten percent of construction cost.

At 1:30 p.m. on December 1952, the Cotton Center exchange began processing calls. Texas Governor, Allan Shivers, completed the **first long distance call** when he placed a call to S H Bradford on the stage at the Cotton Center High School. School officials received the call in the auditorium of the school in front of a small crowd of people. This event marked the first long distance telephone call on a cooperative in Texas.

In 1956, SPTC added the Fieldton exchange. In 1959, SPTC continued to expand the service area to include the Arnett and Pettit exchanges. The original plans for these exchanges included underground service, rather than the traditional aerial wire used around the country. Financial supporters refused to fund the under ground construction, saying "it was not possible or feasible."

South Plains Telephone Cooperative built their first office on the Slaton Highway in 1958. At that time, SPTC had 1,800 subscribers, 12 exchanges and served ten counties and only employed ten full time employees and one part time employee.

In the 1960's, SPTC engineers won the underground battle and began replacing over 1000 miles aerial wire with underground construction.

In 1977, SPTC moved from the Slaton Highway location and purchased the current office. SPTC served almost 4,000 subscribers, 16 exchanges, with digital equipment in eleven different counties.

Today, South Plains Telephone Cooperative takes great pride in providing telecommunication services to our members, just as we have for over 59 years.

Counties in our Service Area:
SPTC's 16 exchange service area covers approximately 2335 square miles in the counties of: Hale, Lamb, Hockley, Cochran, Lynn, Lubbock, Garza, Crosby, Dickens, Castro and Swisher

Telecommunications and Broadband Services and Support:
SPTC offers wireline voice, long distance, DSL and broadband internet. SPTC is in the process of replacing its entire network with fiber to allow us to continue to offer our members state-of-the-art services that require additional bandwidth. Since technology is rapidly evolving, replacement of our facilities with fiber has become essential in providing new services and allowing SPTC to remain competitive.

SPTC has two staff members who are dedicated to assisting customers with their internet experience.

Our Technologies:
SPTC is in the process of replacing its network with fiber optic cable. Currently, fiber is more cost effective than copper and our experience is that fiber has greater longevity and is more reliable than copper. More importantly, the use of fiber will allow us to meet customer demand for future services, such as video, that require more bandwidth than can be achieved with copper.

Plans for the Future:
SPTC is faced with competition from wireless technologies (broadband over wireless), cable companies, broadband providers, competitive local exchange carriers. We are also faced with declining revenue streams. In order to remain a viable telecommunications cooperative and remain competitive in the current environment, SPTC must complete its fiber deployment project post-haste.

For more information please contact Scott Hart, CEO/General Manager, at 806-763-2301.

Taylor Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
Merkel, Texas

History:
Taylor Telephone Cooperative, Inc. was formed in 1951. Taylor provides service to approximately 6,103 access lines in 14 exchanges, covering a 1,800 square mile area including 14 cities and 9 counties.

Telecommunications and Broadband Services and Support:
- Constructed 3,381 route miles of facilities.
- Offered one-party service since 1977.
- Offered tone dialing since 1982.
- Installed digital switches in 1982.
- Installed Softswitch in 2009.
- Installed fiber optic ring in 1994.
- Offered caller ID features since 1995.
- Our affiliate company became a member of a statewide fiber network – Texas Lone Star Network – in 1998 and provides part of an OC48 fiber backbone. The backbone was upgraded to a 40 Channel DWDM System in 2010.
- Awarded $30,000 in rural scholarships in 2010 and for a total of $420,000 from 1997 through 2009.
- Taylor Telephone Cooperative, Inc. began offering DSL in April 2001 and has services available to all exchanges. We have 2,492 DSL subscribers as of December 31, 2010.
- We offer up to 6mb/sec download speeds to the DSL subscribers.
- In 2009, we added fiber to the home service to approximately 500 customers in 3 exchanges.

Our Plans for the Future:
- Currently Taylor Telephone is planning to offer Video and Triple Play features in 2011.
- We will serve an additional 1500 customers with fiber to the home in 2 additional exchanges by the end of 2012.

For more information please contact Thomas Hyde, Manager of Taylor Telephone Cooperative, Inc., at 325-846-4111.

Wes-Tex Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
Stanton, Texas

History:
Wes-Tex Telephone Cooperative, Inc. was organized on January 5, 1950, under the direction of the board of directors of Cap Rock Electric Cooperative for the purpose of providing telephone service to rural members in West Texas. O. B. Bryan, manager of Cap Rock Electric Cooperative, served as interim manager of Wes-Tex Telephone Cooperative.

Wes-Tex borrowed $456,000 from the Rural Electrification Administration on April 18, 1952, and began constructing telephone plant to serve 880 members in Glasscock, Howard, Martin and Midland Counties. Four XY step offices and 416 miles of telephone cable were installed to create the Luther, Lomax, Lenorah and West Stanton Exchanges. The first telephone call was completed on April 30, 1954.

Wes-Tex purchased the Ackerly and Knott Exchanges on November 2, 1956 from SCVACK Telephone Co., adding Dawson and Borden Counties to the Cooperative's service area. The Vincent Exchange was added in 1959, and the Garden City and St. Lawrence Exchanges were purchased from Glasscock County Telephone Co., in 1960, expanding the Cooperative's service area to Glasscock and Reagan Counties.

In 1965, the Cooperative converted from an eight party system to a four party system and replaced the aerial open wire system with buried telephone cable. In the 1970s, the Cooperative separated from the operations of Cap Rock Electric Cooperative and appointed Glenn Gates as the general manager. The Cooperative added 1+ dialing, a new headquarters building and single party service in this decade. In 1978, the Cooperative purchased Coahoma Telephone Co., adding the Coahoma and Sand Springs Exchanges and nearly doubled the subscribers served. Charles Butler was appointed as manager in 1979.

The 1980s brought digital switching to the Cooperative, and in 1987 created Texas RSA 8 which would lead to the formation of Wes-Tex Telecommunications, the operating company of Westex Wireless, a pioneer in providing cellular service in the Cooperative's service area. The Cooperative retired its first round of capital credits in the late 80's.

The Cooperative installed its first fiber optic cable in 1998 and appointed J.R. Wilson as general manager in the same year. The Cooperative's subsidiary, Wes-Tex Telecommunications invested in a partnership in 1998, named Alamosa PCS which later became a publicly held company that was later acquired by Sprint PCS. Wes-Tex Telecommunications began providing long distance service in 1999 and also began providing local telephone service in Big Spring and telephone and Cable TV Stanton in 2000. Wes-Tex Telecommunications purchased Crestar Communications, a local Internet service provider, in 2000. In 2008, the cellular assets of Westex Wireless were sold to AT&T, ending a twenty year history in that industry.

Counties in Our Service Area:
Dawson, Borden, Martin, Howard, Mitchell, Midland, Glasscock, Sterling and Mitchell

Telecommunications and Broadband Services and Support:
We offer traditional landline, long distance, custom calling features, voice mail, dial-up or high speed internet

Our Technologies:
Soft switch, copper and fiber distribution, ADSL

Our Plans for the Future:
We are in the process of expanding high speed internet throughout our territory, increasing broadband capacity and begin offering video services through either fiber to the premise or fixed base wireless.

For more information please contact Bob Wilson, General Manager, at 432-756-3393.

West Plains Telecommunications, Inc.
Muleshoe, Texas

History:
West Plains Telecommunications, Inc. was formed in 1995 as a wholly owned subsidiary of Five Area Telephone Cooperative, Inc. West Plains Telecommunications acquired 5 GTE exchanges including approximately 6000 access lines in October 1995. West Plains Telecommunications' service area covers a 511 square mile area in 4 counties.

Telecommunications and Broadband Services and Support:

- Constructed 825 route mile facilities
- Completely upgraded newly acquired exchanges to digital within 6 months of acquisition
- Began offering custom calling features and enhanced custom calling features (including Caller ID) in 1996
- Converted to Equal Access in 1996
- Offers toll free Internet service through an affiliate company since 1996
- Currently partnered with 6 schools in our serving area to form the Five Area Community Telecommunications Consortium (F.A.C.T. Consortium) offering broadband services including high speed internet and interactive video to the schools. The 6 schools are all linked together as well as being linked to their regional service center in Lubbock and South Plains College in Levelland. Through ITV, the schools are able to offer high level high school courses to the schools that might not otherwise be able to offer these courses, as well as offering college courses and in-house teacher training.
- Installed Digital Loop Carrier (DLC) in the Muleshoe exchange in Feb. 2002
- Began offering Broadband Access in the Muleshoe exchange in September 2000.
- Began offering Broadband Access in the Olton exchange in February 2001.
- Began offering Broadband Access in the Sudan and Earth exchanges in Nov. 2001.
- Broadband access has been deployed in all exchanges, which include Muleshoe, Sudan, Earth, Olton and Springlake.

Our Plans for the Future:
West Plains Telecommunications, Inc., has begun an aggressive Fiber-to-the-Premise project in at least five of its exchanges. This project, using the latest in GEPON technology, will support traditional services as well as the next generation of IP-based services.

For more information, contact Sandy Vandevender, General Manager of West Plains Telecommunications at (806) 272-5533.

West Texas Rural Telephone Coop., Inc.
Hereford, Texas

History:
West Texas Rural Telephone Coop., Inc. (WTRT) was formed in 1950 and provides service to approximately 2100 access lines in 9 exchanges, covering a 3,000-mile area in 4 counties. There are no incorporated cities in our serving area.

Telecommunications and Broadband Services and Support:
- Constructed app. 1800 route mile facilities
- Offered one-party service since 1971.
- Offered tone dialing since 1980.
- Installed digital switches in 1980.
- Offer ISDN service in all nine exchanges.
- Offered toll free Internet service by our affiliate since 1995.
- Awarded a total of $58,700 in scholarships since fall of 1997
- WTRT, through our affiliate, began offering wireless high-speed Internet in 2001.
- WTRT now offers DSL in all nine exchanges.

For more information please contact Thomas A. Hyer, General Manager, at (806) 364-3331.

XIT Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
Dalhart, Texas

History:
XIT Rural Telephone Cooperative was formed in 1951 to provide service in the rural areas of Dallam, Hartley and Sherman County's. The Cooperative maintains over 1556 miles of subscriber line serving 1500 subscribers.

Telecommunications and Broadband Services and Support:

- XIT converted its first digital switch in 1980.
- XIT converted the toll lines to fiber in 1988.
- XIT's affiliate began to offer rural cellular service in the area in 1990.
- XIT connected all of the Central Offices to fiber in 1994.
- XIT completed its digital switch up grade of offer CLASS, ISDN, Centrex, SS7 and other advanced features in 1994.
- XIT's affiliate has made available to the Cooperative and other area Communities local dial up Internet service since 1997.
- XIT's affiliate began operating as a facility based CLEC in the cities of Dalhart and Stratford in 1998.
- XIT's affiliate provides DSL services in the cities of Dalhart, Stratford and Texline.
- XIT's affiliate provides digital video programming in the cities of Dalhart, Stratford and Texline.
- XIT provides DSL services to 99% of their subscribers in all exchanges within the serving area of XIT Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

For more information please contact Darrell F. Dennis, General Manager of XIT Telephone Cooperative, Inc. at 806-384-3311.