



Telecommunications Infrastructure Loans

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State	Sen.	Rep.	Recipient	Loans	Project Description
AR and TX	John Boozman, Tom Cotton (AR), John Cornyn, Ted Cruz (TX)	Bruce Westerman (AR-04) John Ratcliffe (TX-04)	Southwest Arkansas Telephone Cooperative	\$10,412,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to upgrade portions of the network to 100 percent Fiber-to-the-Home (FTTH). The improvements will provide subscribers in Fouke, Ark., and Garland, Ark., access to higher-speed (up to 1 gigabit symmetrical) broadband service as well as improved voice and video services. Southwest Arkansas expects to serve 4,612 subscribers.
IA	Joni Ernst, Charles Grassley	David Loebsack (02)	Sharon Telephone Company	\$5,864,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to improve a two-exchange telecommunications system that services southeastern Iowa. Fiber-to-the-Premises (FTTP) facilities will be deployed to serve constituents in Frytown, Hills and the surrounding area. Active ethernet optical line terminals will be installed at each central office to provide direct connections to the new FTTP subscribers. Additional optical multiplexers and transport electronics will be added to provide redundancy for the interoffice routes and to connect to the statewide Aureon network. A total of 189 miles of fiber-optic plant will be constructed. The system will serve approximately 1,000 subscribers.
IL	Tammy Duckworth, Richard Durbin	John Shimkus (15)	Montrose Mutual Telephone Company	\$20,860,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to convert a legacy copper system to a Fiber-to-the-Premises (FTTP) network. Montrose Mutual Telephone Company expects to serve 1,497 customers composed of 246 voice, 590 FTTP internet, and 661 voice/FTTP internet subscribers over a platform that will be capable of delivering downstream/upstream speeds of 1Gb/1Gb.
IN	Mike Braun, Todd Young	Jackie Walorski (02)	Pulaski-White Rural Telephone Cooperative	\$19,001,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to retire all copper-based facilities within the Buffalo and Star City exchanges and replace the copper with Fiber-to-the-Home (FTTH) technology. Pulaski plans to construct 355 miles of fiber. The improvements will sustain customer demand.
AL and TN	Richard Shelby Doug Jones (AL), Lamar Alexander Marsha Blackburn (TN)	Mo Brooks (AL-05), Scott Desjarlais (TN-04), Mark Green (TN-07)	Ardmore Telephone Company Inc.	\$20,337,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to install 435 miles of Fiber-to-the-Premises (FTTP) in Ardmore, New Market and Elkmont, Ala.; and in Minor Hill and McBurg in Tennessee.
WI	Tammy Baldwin, Ron Johnson	Ron Kind (03), Tom Tiffany (07)	Chibardun Telephone Cooperative Inc.	\$10,217,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to improve and expand the plant. This loan will extend Fiber-to-the-Premises (FTTP) to the rural areas of the Prairie Farm and Sand Creek exchanges, making them 100 percent FTTP. Chibardun Telephone Cooperative proposes to construct 328.5 miles of FTTP and install all associated electronics. The improvements will sustain customer demand in broadband connectivity.
			TOTAL	\$86,691,000	