

News Release

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For immediate release:

White River Valley Electric Cooperative announces fiber-to-the-home project

Branson, Missouri –The White River Valley Board of Directors has made a resolution to move forward with an executable plan to deploy fiber-to-the-home internet. The Cooperative realizes that the commitment to deliver reliable internet service is vital for the growth and sustainability of their membership and the communities they serve. They are currently pursuing:



- multiple grant funding options
- evaluating designs for build out, and
- working through administrative details such as staffing and subsidiary logistics as this is a separate business entity.

"We look forward to building a world-class fiber network that will transform our rural communities just as our founders did with electric 83 years ago." Said Chris Hamon, CEO of WRVEC.

The Co-op requests that members ensure contact information is up-to-date. Quick account access is obtained through the SmartHub mobile app or desktop website. Account accuracy will make it easier for WRVEC to share details about the project with members once they have been finalized - such as location, availability, and timelines.

Visit their website at <u>www.whiteriver.org/fiber</u> to submit questions and stay informed about the progression of the project.

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<u>White River Valley Electric Cooperative</u> is a <u>Touchstone Energy Cooperative</u> dedicated to ensuring our members receive safe and reliable service in their homes and businesses across five southwest Missouri counties including Ozark, Taney, Stone, Christian and Douglas.