



PGTelco Named Certified Gig-Capable Provider by NTCA–The Rural Broadband Association

Arlington, Va., (June 28, 2017) – PGTelco was today recognized by NTCA–The Rural Broadband Association, the premier association representing nearly 900 independent, community-based telecommunications companies that are leading innovation in rural and small-town America, as a Certified Gig-Capable Provider for delivering gigabit broadband speeds and enabling technological innovation in Farmington, Prairie Grove, Lincoln & other portions of West Washington County.

As a Certified Gig-Capable Provider, PGTelco joins a national campaign to build awareness and industry recognition of community-based telecom providers that have built communications networks capable of delivering Internet speeds of up to 1 gigabit per second, which is 100 times faster than those currently available in many U.S. households. PGTelco also received tools to promote itself as a Gig-Capable Provider in Farmington, Prairie Grove, Lincoln & other portions of West Washington County and will be recognized in NTCA media, on the NTCA website, and during association conferences and events.

“I applaud PGTelco for its commitment to delivering the Internet’s fastest speeds—an accomplishment worthy of much praise considering the unique and challenging circumstances small, community-based telecommunications providers operate under every day in serving some of our country’s most rural and remote communities,” said NTCA Chief Executive Officer Shirley Bloomfield. “By building a gigabit-capable network, PGTelco has not only overcome these challenges, but also shattered conventional benchmarks for broadband speed to enable cutting-edge technologies that drive innovation and promote economic development in their communities, region and nationwide.”

To achieve certification, telecommunications companies must show that gigabit technology is currently commercially available within 95% of one or more exchanges or census blocks within its serving territory and that such service can be provided without new trenching or stringing new aerial facilities. This statement must be confirmed by a letter from an engineering firm or other independent source involved in the company’s network planning, deployment or operation.

More information about the NTCA Gig-Capable Provider certification program is available at www.ntca.org/gigcertified.

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About PGTelco

PGTelco is family-owned and operated and has been since it's incorporation in 1906. Originally incorporated as a telephone company. PGTelco offers High Speed Internet and Networking Services as well as the most reliable telephone service in West Washington County. We're focused on providing our customers with the best technology and advanced features in communications. PGTelco is built on community and focused on progress. Visit us at www.pgtelco.com.

About NTCA–The Rural Broadband Association

NTCA–The Rural Broadband Association is the premier association representing nearly 900 independent, community-based telecommunications companies that are leading innovation in rural and small-town America. NTCA advocates on behalf of its members in the legislative and regulatory arenas, and it provides training and development; publications and industry events; and an array of employee benefit programs. In an era of exploding technology, deregulation and marketplace competition, NTCA's members are leading the IP evolution for rural consumers, delivering technologies that make rural communities vibrant places in which to live and do business. Because of their efforts, rural America is fertile ground for innovation in economic development and commerce, education, health care, government services, security and smart energy use. Visit us at www.ntca.org.