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**WARREN RECC AND NCTC INSTALL FIRST CUSTOMERS IN WARREN COUNTY BROADBAND
PILOT**

May 29, 2020 (Alvaton, KY) Today, Warren RECC and NCTC, a Tennessee based telephone cooperative, announced the installation of high-speed internet in their first homes in the Warren County pilot area. The installations are part of a collaboration between the two companies designed to bring high-speed internet to roughly 800 unserved and underserved Warren RECC members in southeast Warren County.

The collaboration, announced in October, allows the two organizations to combine their resources and decades of experience to offer affordable, high-speed internet services in a new area and to improve the quality of life for Warren RECC members. If the pilot is successful, the companies hope to expand their partnership.

“When we started this pilot project back in October, we had no idea how the world would change just a few months later. The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the urgent need for reliable high-speed internet access in our rural areas. Our first installation was in the home of an elementary school teacher who has been struggling to reach out to his students while schools are closed. We are delighted to be able to provide him and all of our members in the pilot area with reliable, affordable high-speed internet,” said Dewayne McDonald, President and CEO of Warren RECC.

“The past few months have definitely reinforced the need to have a reliable broadband connection now more than ever. People are being more creative in how they interact from day

to day, so we are working hard to make working and learning from home easier. As more people are using telehealth alternatives, high speed internet makes it possible for customers to contact their health providers without leaving their homes. While more people are at home, they also want entertainment options such as gaming or streaming TV and movies,” said NCTC President and CEO Johnny McClanahan. “There are many unknowns right now, but we do know broadband is the answer to meet many needs. We are thankful the schedule is filling up, because we want the pilot to be successful so we can continue with the partnership with Warren RECC. We encourage those who are in the pilot area who have not placed an order to do so soon.”

Warren RECC and NCTC have developed a buildout plan that will progress through six zones within the pilot area. Anyone living in these areas is encouraged to request service now so they can be installed as soon as possible. The buildout plan, along with more information on the construction and installation process can be found online at www.fiberforwarren.com.

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