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Local Service Rate Increase:

On January 16, 2007 Federated Telephone Cooperative (FTC) notified all members of a rate increase for local service effective April 1, 2007. All exchanges will be billed at a monthly rate of \$11.85.

Pride Plans:

The rate increase will affect the Pride Plans as follows:



Residential Plans



	<u>Cub</u>	<u>Lion</u>	<u>Explorer</u>
Local Service	Residential	Residential	Residential
Internet	Direct 200	HSD*	HSD*
FLD**	60 Minutes	60 Minutes	350 Minutes
Caller ID Name	Included	Included	Included
Call Waiting	Included	Included	Included
Call Forward Basic	Included	Included	Included
8 # Speed Dial	Included	Included	Included
3-Way Calling	Included	Included	Included
Voice Mail	Included	Included	Included
	\$40.95	\$51.95	\$69.95

Business Plans

	<u>Cub</u>	<u>Den</u>	<u>Safari</u>
Local Service	Business	Business	Business
Internet	Direct 200	HSD*	HSD*
FLD**	60 Minutes	60 Minutes	350 Minutes
Caller ID Name	Included	Included	Included
Call Waiting	Included	Included	Included
Call Forward Basic	Included	Included	Included
8 # Speed Dial	Included	Included	Included
3-Way Calling	Included	Included	Included
Voice Mail	Included	Included	Included
	\$40.95	\$59.95	\$79.95



*HSD = High Speed Data **FLD = Federated Long Distance
Prices are subject to change. Other restrictions may apply. Governmental surcharges not included.

More information on back



Cable TV Services

Federated Telephone Cooperative (FTC) began offering cable TV services in 1996 in the Alberta community through a Rural Utilities Service (RUS) field trial. As you may recall, Alberta was one of only two communities in the United States to receive their services through a fiber optic connection at that time.

Since then, FTC has continued to upgrade our facilities to a fiber to the Premise (FTTP) network.

Currently, the communities of Alberta, Chokio, Holloway, Danvers, the entire exchange of Milan and parts of Big Bend receive phone, cable TV and high-speed Internet services over a FTTP network. In addition, over 70 % of the entire Hancock exchange has been converted to the FTTP network.

As we continue to upgrade our network, the rural areas of Odessa, Danvers and the remaining portion of the Big Bend exchange will be constructed during 2007. (*See construction article below for more details*).

Throughout our service area, many of our members have had few options when it came to Television service. FTC began offering an affordable cable TV service, with most of the popular channels as an option for our membership so they had a choice. As with all of its services, your Cooperative gives you more control while giving you rates that are similar and often times better than other providers. We realize that our channel line-up does not include all of the channel choices some members may want to see and that we may even have more channels than other members care to see. Our purpose is to provide reasonable options based on the most popular choices of our membership while controlling the monthly cost that must be charged to our members who choose to receive Cable TV from their Cooperative.

In order to determine the most popular channels, FTC sends our viewing membership surveys requesting your input. We try to send surveys every 1 to 2 years. If 50% or more of the returned surveys would like to see a change in the line up, FTC will add the requested channel at the stated survey rate. FTC treats the unreturned surveys as being okay with changes to the line up as determined by those returning the surveys. We truly appreciate your taking the time to complete and return the surveys as they directly affect the channel line-up you receive.

Thank you to our members who subscribe to FTC's Cable TV services. Today, FTC provides Cable TV services to over 460 members – 40% of those who can receive our Cable TV! As long as a significant portion of our members continue to subscribe, FTC will continue to provide you with a choice for your viewing needs.

Our current Cable TV service options are:

Analog Services:

- 1) Simply Basic - \$11.95 OR
- 2) Basic - \$29.99 (\$28.99 with a Pride Plan)

Digital Services:

- 1) Digital Choice - \$10.95
- 2) Digital Premium Channels:
 - HBO/MAX Plus - \$13.95
 - Movie/Show Plus - \$12.95
 - Encore/STARZ Plus - \$10.95
 - The Works - \$71.95 - \$70.95 with Pride Plan

* Digital Services require the use of a set top box at a monthly rate of \$5.00 per box.

* Subscription to Basic Analog service is required to purchase a Digital Service Package.

Visit www.fedtel.net or call us at 1-800-374-7133 to view our channel line up.



2007 CONSTRUCTION

Federated Telephone Cooperative (FTC) will continue our Fiber to the Premise (FTTP) upgrade within the rural areas of the Odessa, Danvers and Big Bend exchanges during 2007.

FTC has already held an Open House for the members and landowners affected by the Odessa portion of this year's construction.

Members and landowners affected by the Danvers and Big Bend construction will soon receive an invitation to an Open House in their area to discuss the project further.

FTTP construction is currently scheduled to continue for members in the rural area of the Holloway exchange and the entire Correll exchange in 2008, and the rural areas of the Chokio exchange in 2009. Please remember, this is the current schedule with many factors affecting the final decision.

If all goes according to schedule, FTC will have a complete FTTP network providing our members with the latest technologies available in 2010.

What's So Great About Fiber?

FTTP is a new technology using fiber optic cable instead of copper cable to deliver telephone, Internet and TV services. Fiber Optic cable is really not a cable at all, but a strand of glass approximately the thickness of a human hair that allows pulses of light to pass from one end to the other. These pulses of light represent data. Because these pieces of data move at the speed of light, data transmission is very fast. Since light can travel great distances without a weakening of the signal, the data can travel long distances without errors.

As an added bonus, your telephone, Internet and cable TV services all accumulate capital credit dividends. So you will basically have the option of purchasing these services from yourself!

