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Central Virginia Electric Cooperative to Receive \$7,180,471 for Gigabit Speed Broadband for Residents in Amherst County

Central Virginia Electric Cooperative is to receive \$7,180,471 in funding to serve 2,200 Amherst County residents in voice-over IP (VOIP) phone service and gigabit speed broadband. Central Virginia Services, Inc. (CVSI), which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Central Virginia Electric Cooperative (CVEC) and does business as Firefly Fiber BroadbandSM, was awarded \$28.6 million in funding in November 2018. This past week, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) authorized those funds to be paid out over the next ten years. Firefly will bring gigabit level internet service to homes serviced by CVEC. In addition, homes not serviced through CVEC but are within a limited mile radius, may also be able to purchase their Firefly service. The off system builds focus on areas directly adjacent to where CVEC already serves electricity. This includes the Northwest portion of the county and a large portion off system along the James River in Amherst, west of Gladstone. Firefly Fiber Broadband will offer two speeds- 100mbps (unlimited and symmetrical download and upload speed) & 1gbps (unlimited and symmetrical download and upload speed). Anyone with questions concerning connection to CVEC's services may contact them at 1-800-367-2832. More information regarding FCC's authorization and Central Virginia Electric Cooperative's broadband initiative can be found at the following link: https://www.mycvec.com/assets/images/general/FCCs_Authorizes_Payment_of_28.6_Million_to_CVSI.pdf

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