

# Broadband Is Like Oxygen to Rural America – What Technology and Companies Will Provide It?

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## Objectives



This session will examine the broadband needs of rural America.

- 1. Will Gigabit Networks or wireless services best meet the needs of the nation's rural communities?
- 2. What options are rural communities missing without good-quality broadband?
- 3. And when commercial providers are in short supply, how will non-profits, cooperatives and municipal broadband providers help fill the void?

Hear the perspectives of a range of rural Internet providers.

## Kit Carson Electric Cooperative Inc.



### **About KCEC**

- Hit Carson Electric Cooperative (KCEC) is a member owned non-profit Electric Distribution Cooperative formed in 1937 and incorporated in 1944.
- \* KCEC is one of 17 cooperatives that serve rural New Mexico communities, and is currently the second largest cooperative in the state of New Mexico.
- \* KCEC serves over 29,485 members in Taos, Colfax and Rio Arriba Counties.
  - "Owned by those we serve"

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\* KCEC currently owns and operates 7 MW of DG solar energy or 10% of our load is solar powered and operates the most advanced smart green grid in New Mexico.

- \* KCEC has also created three additional divisions to offer to our cooperative members; Internet Service, Telecommunications Service, and Propane Service.
- \* KCEC's most current project is the "Fiber-to-the-Home". This project will provide high speed broadband to our surrounding rural communities.

## About Kit Carson and our project

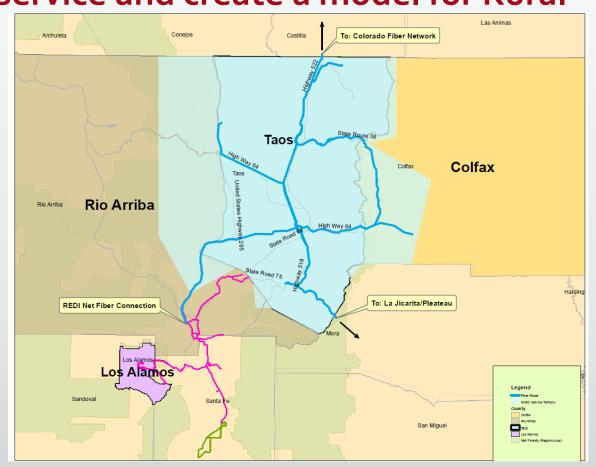


Revolutionize Northern New Mexico communities with affordable and accessible high-speed broadband service and create a model for Rural

**Communities** 

Greater prosperity and quality of life for:

- ✓ 20,500 households
- ✓ 3,600 businesses
- ✓ 183 critical community institutions
- ✓ 2 Native American Pueblos



## Kit Carson Electric Cooperative: The Case for Broadband



#### **Economic Development**

- Job creation (Clean & Sustainable)
- Business opportunities
- Sustainable economies
- Broadband based companies



#### **Taos Pueblo**



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### Bridge the Digital Divide

- Online learning
- Telemedicine
- Affordable access to All
- Public Safety Deploy NG911

## High-Speed Advanced Infrastructure

- Medical community
- Research & education
- Local businesses
- Member Choice
- Real Time Power Monitoring





#### Reliable Electric Grid

- AMI applications
- Smart Grid Services
- Efficient energy usage
- DG Integration (Renewables)

Transforming to become an integrated provider is critical to securing future economic & technical prosperity

## Project Schedule and Milestones

- Secure Member Input and Acceptance
- Secure \$64M RUS funds to build and operate network

• 2012

- Identify reliable partner responsible for network planning and design, deployment, maintenance and support
- Begin Construction
- 2013

- Deliver 1 Gbps broadband service to home and business
- Connect Anchor Institutions
- 2014

- Complete
   Deployment
   and Start
   Smart Grid
   Project
- Offer Member Based Value Added Energy Programs

2015

# Requirements for Northern New Mexico and Kit Carson

- Oxygen to Rural America- FTTH
  - Connectivity to the house
  - Economic Development Engine
    - Virtual Job Creation
  - Regional Approach
  - Speed & Price options
    - Affordability & Accessibility to all
  - Back office operations: Customer care and billing
    - NOC
  - Unbundled Services
    - Netflix, Apple TV, etc.
    - Voice (Voip)

- What else can the Network do for us?
  - Smart Meters
  - Smart Thermostats
  - Energy Efficiency programs
  - Peak load management
  - Electric Vehicle
  - Substation Automation
  - Distribution Automation
    - Solar inclusion (DG Option)
    - Grid Sensors
    - Auto Reclosers
    - Smart Outage Detection (Reliability)

## **Technology Considerations**



1. Will Gigabit
Networks or wireless
services best meet the
needs of the nation's
rural communities?

#### **Selection Considerations**

#### **Future Proofing**

- Market Trends
- Technology Roadmap
- Open Architecture

#### Security

- Authentication
- Access Control
- Encryption
- NERC/CIP

#### Interoperability

- Operability
- Layer-2 VLANs Tagging
- IP-Based Solutions

#### Management

- Element Mgmt.
- System-Level Mgmt.
- OSS Integration
- APIs

#### Device Mgmt.

- Device Management
- SNMP

#### Security and Network Monitoring

- Auto-discovery
- Traffic Monitoring
- Historical Reporting

# Subscriber & Client Access Mgmt.

- Client Access & Security Rights
- Client Roaming
- Client Activity
- LDAP Database Management

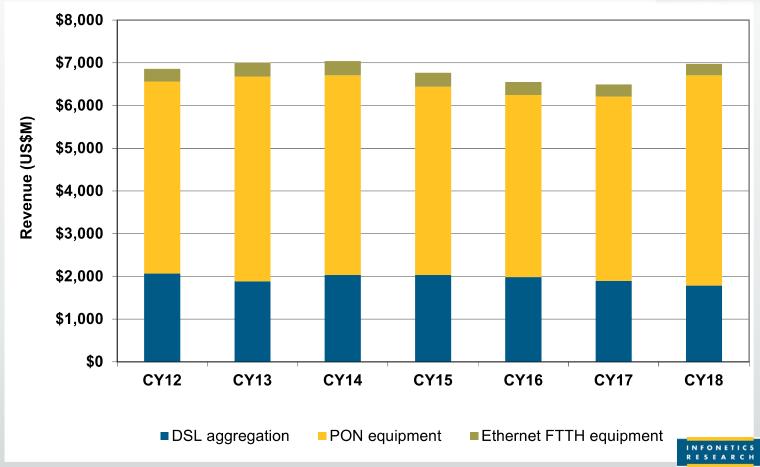
#### APIs to other Systems

- Intrusion Detection Systems
- Customer APIs for Reporting
- XML-like Interfaces
- Higher Level OSS Mgmt.

## **Technology Considerations**

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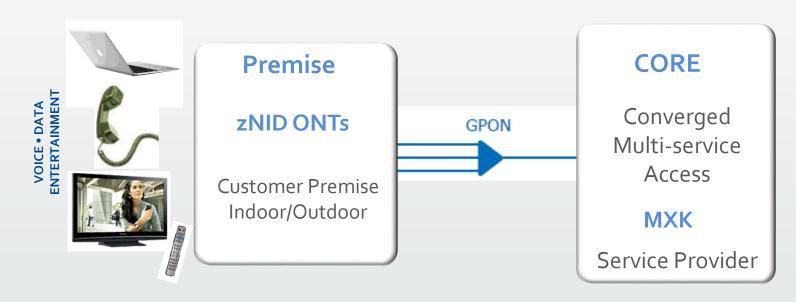




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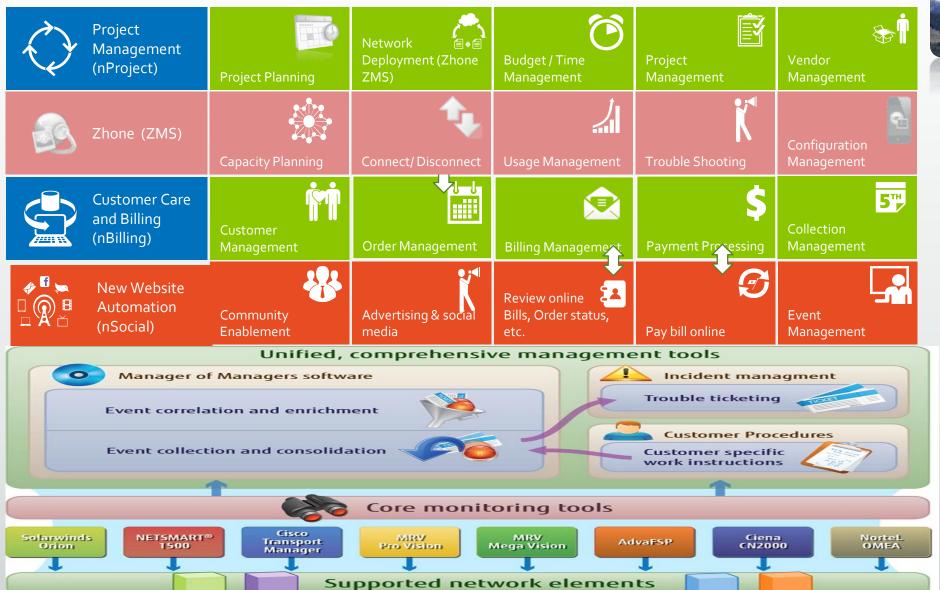
 GPON provides the Highest Performance access solution delivering Endless Bandwidth for today's demanding Applications





- GPON can operate at distances up to 20km or 12 miles
- GPON uses Passive Splitters not requiring Power or Air Conditioning
- Fiber is Highly Secure
- Single Mode Fiber can support speeds > 69 Tbps Future Proof

## Integrated Solution







## KCEC Broadband Team

































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