



Grantsburg Telcom ensures K-12 households have access to online learning via reliable fixed-line broadband connections

Also opens free drive-up Wi-Fi hotspots as part of FCC Pledge to Keep Americans Connected

Grantsburg, WI – In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the challenges that many Americans will face in the coming months, FCC Chairman Ajit Pai recently announced the Keep Americans Connected Initiative. This ensures that Americans do not lose their broadband or telephone connectivity as a result of these exceptional circumstances. Chairman Pai specifically asked broadband and telephone service providers and trade associations to take the following Keep Americans Connected Pledge:

Given the coronavirus pandemic and its impact on American society, Farmers Independent Telephone Company, d/b/a Grantsburg Telcom, pledges for the next 60 days to:

1. not terminate service to any residential or small business customers because of their inability to pay their bills due to the disruptions caused by the coronavirus pandemic;
2. waive any late fees that any residential or small business customers incur because of their economic circumstances related to the coronavirus pandemic; and
3. open its Wi-Fi hotspots to any American who needs them.

In addition to the above pledge, Grantsburg Telcom, in partnership with Grantsburg School District, is providing free Internet access for the remainder of the school year to any K-12 household that didn't previously have access to the district's online learning classes.

"We know how important Internet connectivity is to our communities, especially during this time when more of us are working and learning from home," said Grantsburg Telcom general manager Terry Kucera. "By working together with the Grantsburg schools we were able to ensure every student in the district that didn't already have Internet access is now enjoying a fast and reliable broadband connection from Grantsburg Telcom," Kucera said.

For more information about the Keep Americans Connected initiative and updates, please visit the FCC website at www.fcc.gov/keep-americans-connected.

For more information about the online learning program or free drive-up Wi-Fi hotspots, call Grantsburg Telcom at 715-463-5322 or email office@grantsburgtelcom.com.