

CenturyLink brings broadband to 600,000 homes and businesses in rural America

Company exceeds national Connect America Fund enablement goals

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18, 2018 /[PRNewswire](#)/ -- [CenturyLink, Inc.](#) (NYSE: CTL) announced today that it has enabled broadband to more than 600,000 homes and small businesses across rural America over the last two years in conjunction with the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Connect America Fund (CAF) program.

In August 2015, CenturyLink committed to bring download speeds of at least 10 Mbps to approximately 1.2 million high-cost locations in 33 states over six years.

To date, CenturyLink has enabled 51 percent of these 1.2 million locations with broadband and nearly 70 percent have speeds of 20 Mbps or higher. The company is on track to have enabled 60 percent of its CAF commitments by the end of 2018.

"CenturyLink is making significant investments to bring broadband to more homes and businesses in our various markets," said John F. Jones, CenturyLink senior vice president of public policy and government relations. "Many rural schools, libraries, hospitals and public safety agencies are now benefitting from our broadband upgrades and investment thanks to the Connect America Fund. While building broadband infrastructure in rural areas is difficult, we have focused on bringing broadband to as many consumers as possible as quickly as possible. We appreciate the FCC and the White House taking the lead in addressing the importance of rural broadband infrastructure and removing existing barriers that slow deployment."

Additional Resources

- Learn more about how [CenturyLink is bringing broadband to 1.2 million rural households in 33 states via the Connect America Fund](#)

About CenturyLink

[CenturyLink](#) (NYSE: CTL) is the second largest U.S. communications provider to global enterprise customers. With customers in more than 60 countries and an intense focus on the customer experience, CenturyLink strives to be the world's best networking company by solving customers' increased demand for reliable and secure connections. The company also serves as

its customers' trusted partner, helping them manage increased network and IT complexity and providing managed network and cyber security solutions that help protect their business.

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