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## Demonstrated Experience Van Buren Telephone Company, Inc.

The Van Buren Telephone Company, Inc. was created in 1923. Beginning in 2014 we began the FTTH project and retirement of our aging copper plant. The project started in the Keosauqua exchange then moved to the Bonaparte exchange in 2017 and the Cantril exchange in 2018. Three of our six exchanges are served 100% by FTTH. We serve almost 1,000 customers with speeds up to 100/50. In 2019 we plan to begin working on our Stockport exchange.

To date we have deployed 337 miles of fiber. We have experienced contractors that we have used since we began the FTTH project. The OSP engineering firm, OSP installation crew, fiber splicing crew, and the customer conversion team are highly skilled, care about their work as well as the community. They finish projects on time and on budget.

The staff of Van Buren Telephone is well tenured. Our 4 OSP/CO technicians have a combined total of 92 years of service with Van Buren Telephone Company. Our 3 customer service representatives have a combined total of 25 years of experience. Our General Manager has worked in Telecommunications for almost 40 years and has experience in managing cable television, landline telephone, wireless, and wireline broadband deployments.