

**Infrastructure Improvements: Belfield & Fairview, ND  
Monthly Construction Progress Report**



Period: December 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

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**Project Description**

Rehab cable routes and CAF related fiber build for Belfield/Fairview ND.

Milestone	% Complete	Milestone	% Complete
Permits/Easements Belfield Exchange	100% complete	Belfield Exchange -Cutover of existing customers to begin in August.	August cutover deferred to November as work on nodes continues. December to begin cutover. <b>All cutover of existing customers to new nodes complete.</b>
Fairview (Sidney exchange) Cable Route 2 1. Ca 2 Prs 1-100 a. This cable is 2.5 miles from the Central Office and serves 7 customers	100% complete	One Technician in Dickinson (Belfield dispatch area) remains on short term disability since March with limited duty return in August. Return unknown at this time.	As of 12/06 return still unknown. <b>Tech returned light duty 1/4/18.</b>
Rehab Belfield ND – North Routes	80% complete. <b>No changes from October to November. All rehab work stopped due to early weather conditions. Will start again in Spring 2018.</b>	Technician in Dickinson accepted new position to transfer to Wyoming end of August. Replacement position approved. Tech declined the position/move. New requisition pulled.	
Rehab Belfield - South Routes	50% complete. <b>No changes from October. All rehab work stopped due to early Winter weather conditions. Will start back in Spring 2018.</b>	Rehab contract splicers routed to Dickinson on chronic copper PSC route (Barb Glick).	100% complete
Belfield CAF - Copper spliced at each node.	100% complete	CAF fiber placement started in Belfield ND	100% complete
Belfield CAF - Turn up of nodes to begin in August	End of October all but two sites remain to be	One Technician head count added in Sidney (Fairview ND) exchange	

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	turned up. All rest have connectivity. <b>100% all sites turned up.</b>		
Belfield CAF - Node placement	100% placed with power installed. All 20 total nodes for the build spliced, powered up, and provisioned for test orders. <b>All test orders completed.</b>	<b>Fairview Cable Route 1</b> <b>1. Ca 301 Prs 1-200</b> <b>a. This cable is 6.6 miles from the Central Office and serves 16 customers</b>	50% complete

Belfield CAF – Node test orders routed and complete.	Two test orders sent to the field for test of voice and DSL services. Orders failed and working with tech support. Eight test orders successfully completed and closed for in-service sign off. Five market launched offering service. <b>All 20 test orders completed successfully.</b>	As of November 6, the Fairview ND exchange area 100% staffed. Two newly hired techs require extensive training to become 100% proficient.	

Activity for the Month
Comments
Taking some pre-orders from customers. Full marketing to begin when test orders complete and loop qual shows full service availability. Successfully taking and completing orders for broadband services on all nodes.

Name	Report Date
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