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**CENTRAL SCOTT TELEPHONE ACCELERATES FIBER TO THE HOME DEPLOYMENT**

**Eldridge, Iowa – July 27, 2021** – Central Scott Telephone Company (Central Scott), announces plans to accelerate its Fiber to the Home deployment. On February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 Central Scott announced plans to deploy Fiber to the Home (FTTH) to 2,200 homes in the town of Eldridge, IA offering residential Broadband Internet speeds up to 1 Gb. With today's announcement those plans are expanded to include the nearby communities of Long Grove and Park View. These two additional communities together with anticipated housing growth in Eldridge, IA brings Central Scott's new FTTH target to 3,700 homes. This upgrade is being internally financed by Central Scott.

Donn Wilmott, CEO and General Manager of Central Scott Telephone, stated "We are extremely pleased to continue the provision of first-rate service to our broadband Internet customers. In addition, we are committed to substantially increasing the broadband capacities available to them. Once complete, the capacities and speeds offered will present a true "value" by today's standards".

Additionally, today Central Scott submitted its Iowa State OCIO NOFA #006 grant application targeting an additional 1,016 rural Scott and Clinton County homes and farms. If awarded, in September of 2021, this project will fulfill Central Scott's long term FTTH plans to serve 100% of its customers on fiber for their Broadband Internet services. This rural component would be in addition to the 3,700 homes committed to above and would bring the total Central Scott FTTH capable residences to 4,700.

Central Scott, which is currently celebrating its 119<sup>th</sup> year in business, providing broadband data, video and voice communications to the Scott County Iowa communities of Eldridge/Park View, Long Grove, McCausland, Dixon and Donahue from its headquarters in Eldridge, Iowa, and operates as a CLEC/Competitive Local Exchange Carrier (CS Technologies, Inc.) providing broadband and voice communications in the Quad Cities Area including Davenport and Bettendorf, Iowa and Rock Island and Moline, Illinois, as well as in Dubuque, Iowa.

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