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Grevstone Partners with Conexon to Provide Broadband to Chattahoochee Hills

Chattahoochee Hills, GA (March 23, 2023): In the spirit of "making living better in the communities they serve," Greystone Power has announced that it will begin providing broadband internet services in 2024 to its customer base in Chattahoochee Hills. Greystone has started providing updates to the city, which we will share.

At the November 1st City Council Meeting, Nadia Faucette, Vice President of Engineering with GreyStone Power, introduced Maribeth Wansley, District 6 Board of Directors, Tim Williams, Vice President of Marketing and External Affairs, Ashley Kinnard, Manager of PR and Communications, and Blake Doss, Director of State Government Affairs. She announced that GreyStone is launching a pilot project to provide high speed fiber internet services to members in the South Fulton County area and will be concentrated in the City of Chattahoochee Hills.

Currently, the GreyStone broadband team is working with its consultant partner, Conexon, to finalize the project map. GreyStone will begin make-ready work within the next two weeks, which simply means GreyStone's contract personnel will evaluate and change out any poles needed to prepare its infrastructure for the fiber-buildout. The make-ready work is likely to take several months and you can expect GreyStone trucks to be in your communities throughout that time period.

Mayor Tom Reed gave high praise to GreyStone Power. He said, "While there are other EMCs in the State working with Internet Service Providers, GreyStone is the first one doing so on its own to provide services to its customers. We give special thanks to Maribeth Wansley, who lives in the city and sits on the GreyStone Power Board, for her help in bringing this initiative to fruition."

GreyStone has provided the following graphic that explains the five general phases of construction for the project. As the project progresses, GreyStone will provide updates, which the city will share with the community.

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FTTH CONSTRUCTION PHASES

Building a world-class fiber-to-the-home network is a complex endeavor, dependent on multiple variables – the project size, a co-op's unique geography, weather, the amount of underground and overhead electric infrastructure and more.

The project begins with network design — discovering the optimum fiber path along existing infrastructure. This early design maps the fiber route along the entire electric grid, from each substation to the poles and lines that will deliver fiber to individual homes and businesses. This important phase sets the stage for a smoother, faster build, prevents missteps in the long run, and reduces costs to customers, your members.

The project unfolds on a rolling basis, over five general phases for each designated construction zone

MAKE READY	CONSTRUCTION	SPLICING	SERVICE DROP	INSTALLATION
Make-ready crews evaluate and possibly change out poles to prepare our infrastructure to accommodate the fiber build.	Fiber crews will begin the process of adding fiber-optic cable to pole lines and underground areas throughout the community.	The fiber cables and taps are spliced. Splice points are protected in enclosures and secured to power poles (aerial build) or in pedestals (underground build).	Crews install drop fiber from the nearest tap enclosure to a network interface device (NID) located on the home or business.	Fiber is installed from the Ni to an ONT (optical network terminal) inside the home or office, where it's connected to a Wi-Fi router, tested and determined ready to connect to broadband.