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Glenwood Telephone Company (GTC) starts multi-year, multi-million-dollar Fiber to the Home project

April 2, 2019 — Glenwood Telephone Company (GTC), the smallest independent Telephone company in Georgia, is proud to announce the commencement of a multi-million-dollar Fiber to the Home (FTTH) project in its service area. The FTTH project is expected to take several years.

Fiber to the Home is the most advanced communications system in the world today, allowing over 3 million voice calls or 90,000 TV channels. It can provide symmetrical speeds over 10 Gigabit per second (Gbps), hundreds of times greater than today's DSL speeds. Fiber also is resistant to electromagnetic interference including fire and lightning making it safer and more reliable.

Executive Vice President Jim O'Brien says, "We hope this will spur economic development in Wheeler County, provide opportunities for our customers to work from home, use telemedicine, and help attract companies to Glenwood."

Mr. O'Brien continues, "Fiber to the Home should not be reserved for highly populated Urban areas. As telecommuting, distance learning, and telemedicine and the Internet of Things become more prevalent, more and more people can move away from Cities to the Country. Technology is allowing people to have the same conveniences of City life, including making a good living and building home based-businesses with a world-wide reach."

CEO and President of Glenwood Telephone Company, Janice O'Brien states, "We are making a large investment in our community in the hopes of attracting new businesses to the area who require state-of-the-art technology and high-speed Internet."

GTC is planning to have an initial FTTH area online by the end of the year and will eventually serve all its Incumbent Local Exchange area (ILEC) customers with FTTH.

Glenwood Telephone Company is the smallest, privately owned Telephone company in Georgia. It operates an approximate 13 square mile area along the bluff side of the beautiful Oconee River in Wheeler and Laurens County Georgia.