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Delta Fiber Announces Expansion of Fiber Internet Service

Delta Fiber LLC, Delta Electric Power Association’s wholly owned broadband subsidiary doing business as DE LightSpeed, is announcing an expansion of its existing high speed, fiber internet network to additional areas of Delta Electric’s service territory over the next five years. Areas that will get the high speed internet service by September 2021 include southwest Carroll County, southwest Grenada County, northern Holmes County, and eastern Leflore County. By December 2021, additional areas of southern Carroll County and northern Holmes County along with most of Montgomery County and part of southern Grenada County will be included in the expansion. The western area of Delta Electric’s service territory will get the high speed internet service in years 2022-2025. A map of the 2021 expansion is attached.

In the summer of last year, Delta Electric received matching CARES Act grant funds from the State of Mississippi in the amount of

\$4.9 million dollars to fund a pilot broadband project in northern Carroll County. DE LightSpeed began connecting Delta Electric customers to its high speed internet service just before Thanksgiving. The pilot broadband project is expected to be complete by March 31, 2021. DE LightSpeed is offering residential and business fiber internet service with maximum speeds of 1000 Meg or Gigabit service.

During November 2020, Delta Fiber LLC participated in the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF) auction as a member of the Rural Electric Cooperative Consortium, put together by Delta Fiber's national partner, Conexon. Delta Fiber LLC was a winning bidder for \$46.9 million dollars of RDOF grant support over ten years for broadband expansion to designated FCC underserved or unserved locations within Delta Electric's service territory.

"We are very excited about expanding our fiber internet service and building on the success of our Carroll County pilot broadband project," said David O'Bryan, General Manager of Delta Electric. "We ask for patience from our customers as we work to expand this essential service to other parts of our service territory and we encourage all customers in these areas to pre-register for our high speed, fiber internet service as soon as possible," O'Bryan said.

Delta Electric customers in these expansion areas can pre-register by going to delightspeed.coop, email to info@delightspeed.coop or by calling [662-477-1975](tel:662-477-1975). Customers can also "like" DE LightSpeed on FaceBook or find DE LightSpeed on Twitter for the most current expansion announcements and information.

DE LightSpeed High Speed Internet Checks Off All the Boxes for Delta Electric Residential Customers...

- ✓ Fiber Internet to the Home
- ✓ NO Contracts
- ✓ 1000 Meg Max Speed Up & Down
- ✓ Unlimited Data & No Data Caps
- ✓ Low \$100 Installation Fee
- ✓ Wi-Fi Cellular Calling
- ✓ Free Mobile App
- ✓ Free 24/7 Technical Support