



## **WTC Announces Plans to Bring Fiber Services to Alma, KS**

**Wamego, KS, 02-05-2020** — Alma hopes to be on the path to not being a community left behind in the internet race. Although larger telecom companies have abandoned rural areas all across Kansas, Alma may soon be off of that list and have access to Internet speeds up to 1 Gig. Following a fiber build in Maple Hill in 2019, WTC has announced plans to bring fiber technology to the “City of Native Stone” located in the heart of the Flint Hills.

“When it comes to Internet access, everyone has a need, whether they are a student, work from home or just want to take advantage of the latest in technology,” stated Karen Wright, City Council member for the City of Alma. “And, as a business owner, having a fast-reliable Internet connection is crucial in today’s environment. Unfortunately, that just hasn’t been an option for quite some time in Alma.”

WTC hopes to change all that, as they are announcing plans to bring Fiber-to-the-Premise (FTTP) technology to Alma. FTTP is a prime amenity because it allows people to stream TV online without buffering, instantly download movies and music, enjoy crystal clear HDTV, upload and download large files and work in the “cloud” at unprecedented speeds. FTTP also offers many benefits over traditional technologies, including the large bandwidth capacity needed to handle future demands as more devices become reliant on connectivity and higher bandwidth.

“We are very pleased to be announcing plans to bring fiber to the community of Alma,” stated Jeff Wick, General Manager of WTC. “WTC understands the challenges of delivering advanced communication services in today's connected environment, so having the opportunity to bring fiber to Alma is exciting for us. In today’s world, Internet is no longer a luxury but has become an absolute necessity for rural communities.”

To ensure the long-term success of this project, WTC will be asking for a customer penetration rate of 70% before construction begins. With a project of this size and magnitude, a 70% customer penetration

rate ensures the project's long-term feasibility. WTC will be engaging with community members and businesses to conduct pre-signup events to reach this goal.

WTC is headquartered in Wamego (KS) and provides a full line of Voice, Internet and Video services to residential, government, education and commercial clients. For more information about WTC, please visit [www.wtcks.com](http://www.wtcks.com) or call 785-456-1000.