

EXHIBIT 4



REC and Orange County Partner to Expand Fiber Communication Network

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On Dec. 17, the Orange County Broadband Authority (OCBA) approved an agreement between the county and REC to lease capacity across 19 miles of fiber optic cable that REC is installing as a part of the Cooperative's new Fiber Utility Network.

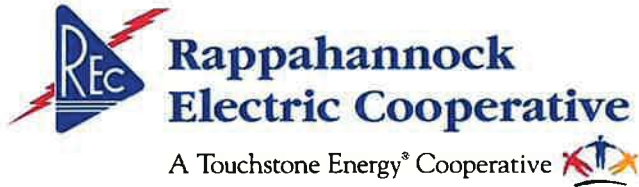
"REC's fiber utility network provides our county the opportunity to bring broadband to more of our citizens quicker," said Jim White, Chairman of the county's Board of Supervisors and Broadband Authority. "The OCBA is happy to announce this partnering arrangement with REC. This effort completes a county fiber optic loop supplying highly reliable connectivity for the public safety communications system. This project should also enable future opportunities for third parties or the county to provide high-speed Internet to homes and businesses. We are pleased to be taking this first step with REC and look forward to future collaboration."

John Hewa, chief operating officer and vice president of corporate services for REC, elaborated, "REC's investment in a fiber backbone has the potential to enable many advantages to REC's member-owners and citizens of Orange County, including educational benefits, the potential for expanded economic development and an overall ease of access to information." Hewa said, "The county's use of a portion of the REC fiber backbone improves the economics of both projects. We look forward to this agreement with Orange County being the first of many similar arrangements in localities across the REC service area."

REC recently kicked off the six-year fiber project that will bring benefits to its member-owners for many years to come. Across the 800 miles of planned construction, REC is installing additional fiber that will allow third parties, such as Orange County, to lease capacity on the REC network, enabling the extension of broadband solutions.

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Broadband Position Statement

- REC has, and will continue to be, an advocate for broadband service being available to all of our members. We recognize this is very important to the well-being of the communities we serve, impacting everything from education to medical care to economic development.
- In September 2019, REC began constructing a fiber optic network for utility operations. When complete, this network of approximately 800 miles of fiber optic cable will connect over 130 endpoints (substations, radio towers, offices, etc.) across portions of the 22 counties served by REC.
- The fiber utility network will provide numerous advancements and capabilities for REC in the areas of grid modernization, disaster recovery, cyber and physical security, and data analytics. REC will utilize its existing infrastructure to deploy the fiber optic network capable of detecting outages faster, thus reducing restoration times and improving reliability.
- The construction of REC's fiber utility network is the first step of a multistep plan to help facilitate the expansion of broadband. The Cooperative will have excess fiber capacity, which can be made available for access leasing arrangements with local governments, schools, and other third party providers.
- REC is currently evaluating the economic feasibility and potential options for REC to either directly or in partnership with others, provide retail broadband service. A previous study indicated that fiber to the home service was technically feasible, but was not economically feasible. In the current studies, we are utilizing nationally recognized consulting firms to help evaluate the availability and accessibility of potential outside funding sources including state and federal grant opportunities.
- REC has reached out to each county and town located in its service territory to determine their interest in supporting the initiative of bringing broadband to local communities and in working together to pursue grant opportunities.
- REC continues to make the cooperative's aerial assets and maintained rights of ways available for third party providers seeking to expand by attaching telecommunications cables and infrastructure.