

Public Notice Submission

Provider Name: Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc.

Summary: Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc., an RUS borrower, was incorporated in 1952 and has approximately 35,000 member-owners in SD, NE and WY. The cooperative serves the majority/geographical areas of the Pine Ridge, Rosebud and Lower Brule Reservations and a small portion of the Cheyenne River and Yankton Reservations in South Dakota. The cooperative offers services in over 30 different counties and over 70 communities. Golden West has deployed significant SONET and GIGE middle mile transport facilities across the region. The cooperative promotes subscription and use of broadband services to all residents and/or businesses in their serving area through a well developed marketing program with offerings such as bundling of services, price promotions, free installation, free hardware, free service for an introductory period as well as other incentives. From its humble beginnings in 1952 as a rural telephone company to the State's largest independent telecommunications company, Golden West's directors and employees have never lost sight of their mission to provide cooperative members and customers with dependable and affordable telecommunications services.