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Grant PUD's Fiber Optic Network Hits 5,000 Users Service Provider Recognized

EPHRATA, WA – Grant PUD Commissioners today recognized iFiber Communications as the provider offering service to the 5,000th user of the utility's fiber optic network.

"We are pleased to see the fiber optic network reach this new milestone," said Commission President, Bob Bernd. "We recognize the efforts of iFiber Communications and of all our service provider partners in helping the utility achieve this threshold."

Build-out of the fiber optic network continues in 2010 under the Commission's multi-year plan that brings service to 80 percent of residences and 95 percent of businesses in the county. The community of Soap Lake will be served by year-end.

Grant PUD's fiber optic network brings access to high-speed Internet, television, telephone and wireless services. It is currently available to nearly 18,000 homes, businesses and farms in the county. For additional information on the network or for a list of the utility's retail service providers, please visit www.gcpud.org.

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Grant County Public Utility District is a Washington state municipal corporation that began electric service in 1942. Owned by the people it serves, Grant PUD generates and sells electricity to Grant County residents and millions of customers throughout Central Washington and the Pacific Northwest. The Priest Rapids Project, comprised of Priest Rapids and Wanapum Dams, produces nearly 2,000 megawatts of clean, renewable and reliable electricity – enough to supply a city the size of Seattle. A leader in science based technology; Grant PUD is committed to finding effective measures for the protection, mitigation and enhancement of salmon, steelhead and other natural and cultural resources.

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