



Rural Holstein - We're Bringing You FIBER!

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Dear potential N.E.T. Broadband customer,

I'm writing with very good news. As you may know, N.E.T. Broadband is bringing fiber Internet (and likely phone services too) to the rural customers of Holstein. We would love the opportunity to serve you when the project is complete, so please read below about next steps you can take today.

N.E.T. Broadband is a partnership between North West REC and Evertex. We applied for and received funding for part of this project from the State of Iowa Broadband Grant program.

The **first and most important step you can take now** is to complete the online Permission to Bury form. You may complete the form online (using the link below) or use the paper form included with this letter.

- There is no cost to you for us to bring you fiber if you let us know before construction starts.
- Please complete the Permission to Bury form that can be found at www.evertex.net/holstein
- Completing the form doesn't obligate you to take service, but we know that most will want fiber Internet.
- If you don't complete the Permission to Bury form at this time and if want fiber services later, there will be a fee of at least \$1,500 to bring fiber to your home.
- A pricing sheet & the Permission to Bury form are included with the letter, but they may also be found on our website at www.evertex.net/holstein

This fall our engineering partner will be in the area developing construction plans. After that is done (likely over the winter) we will use those plans to collect bids and award the project to a contractor. With luck construction could begin during the summer of 2023, but we will wait to announce construction/project timelines until after the construction contract is awarded.

Today there are still variables which impact fiber construction timelines: availability of materials, electronics and contractors. Yet, we have experience with these aspects from current fiber projects, so we expect to benefit from our experiences. Regardless, first steps are underway for this exciting project!

Thanks for allowing us to serve you. You'll be hearing from us again soon, but until then please visit www.evertex.net/holstein to review the info there, complete the Permission to Bury form and get your name on the 'customers in waiting' list.

Sincerely,

The N.E.T. Broadband Team