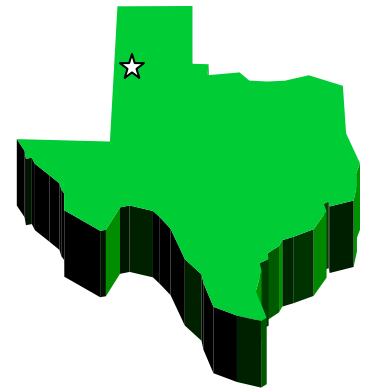


FIVE AREA TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC. MULESHOE, TEXAS



Historical Information

- Five Area Telephone Cooperative, Inc. was chartered in May 1950.
- Provides service to approximately 1500 access lines in 6 exchanges, covering a 2000 square mile area in 6 counties.
- Density is less than one subscriber per square mile (0.74).

Current Services

- Constructed 1737 route mile facilities
- Completed installation of digital switches in 1987
- Began offering custom calling features in 1987
- Formed cellular partnership in 1990
- Converted to Equal Access in 1993
- Began offering enhanced custom calling features (including Caller ID) in 1995
- Acquired 5 GTE exchanges with approximately 6000 access lines in 1995
- Offered toll free Internet service through an affiliate since 1996
- Currently partnered with 6 schools in our serving area to form the Five Area Community Telecommunications Consortium (F.A.C.T. Consortium) offering broadband services including high speed internet and interactive video to the schools. The 6 schools are all linked together as well as being linked to their regional service center in Lubbock and South Plains College in Levelland. Through ITV, the schools are able to offer high level high school courses to the schools that might not otherwise be able to offer these courses, as well as offering college courses and in-house teacher training.
- Awarded \$4,600 in rural scholarships in 1999, \$4,200 in 2000, \$8,400 in 2001, \$5,650 in 2002, and \$8,400 in 2003.

Advanced Services for the Future

Five Area Telephone Cooperative, Inc. is actively pursuing technology that will allow for the cost-effective deployment of broadband services in areas of low density and great mileage distances. More than 60% of our subscribers are located farther than 10 miles from the central office and many are more than 20 miles.

Five Area Telephone offers broadband services in 100% of its exchanges, which include Bula, Lariat, Lazbuddie, Lehman, Maple and Needmore.

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