

# Congressman Tours Etex Telephone

## Etex Telephone Facilities showcased for Congressman Gohmert



Gilmer, TX; August 29, 2014 - Etex Telephone Cooperative, provider of local and long distance telephone, internet and IPTV services hosted Congressman Louie Gohmert and staffer Austin Smithson at Gilmer facilities on Thursday, August 14. CEO/General Manager Charlie Cano, CFO Susan Graves,

Assistant Manager Danny Johnson and Director of Regulatory Affairs Carolyn Studdard showcased the operations at Etex in order to give the Congressman a better understanding of how state and federal Universal Service Funds are being used responsibly. They explained the newly implemented processes and how they are making Etex more efficient and reducing costs.

Congressman Gohmert is a supporter of rural telephone companies and votes on policies that enable Etex to provide the latest in technology and services to our area. A current issue discussed involved the Rural Broadband Experiments and what Etex needs in order to consider expanding to under served consumers outside the current territory. Questions regarding Etex's regulatory affairs should be directed to Carolyn Studdard, 903-797-1167, [cstuddard@etexcoop.net](mailto:cstuddard@etexcoop.net).

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Etex Telephone Cooperative boasts a service territory of 710 square miles of rural East Texas. Customers within this service area are given the opportunity to purchase local, long distance, digital TV and internet service at rates comparable to those found in urban areas around the state. Deployment of fiber in the loop further enhances our ability to offer other broadband services.

*In photo, left to right: Austin Smithson, Danny Johnson, Susan Graves, Congressman Gohmert, Charlie Cano, Carolyn Studdard*