

## Breezeline to Extend Fiber Internet to 1,200 Homes and Businesses in King William County

Breezeline expansion will bring fiber internet with symmetrical speeds up to 1Gig and the cloud-based "Stream TV" service to unserved areas in the County

**QUINCY, Mass., July 27, 2023** – <u>Breezeline</u>, the eighth-largest cable operator in the U.S., will extend its fiber network to over 1,200 unserved homes and businesses in King William County, Virginia starting next year.

The multi-year initiative is being funded by Breezeline and a \$1.5 million subsidy from the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF), which is administered by the Federal Communications Commission to bring connectivity to homes and businesses that lack access to broadband internet.

"We continue to make significant progress in our pre-construction planning," **said Sean Brushett, vice president of technical operations for Breezeline**. "We have recently completed the field walk-out phase, the design phase is now underway, and we expect the construction phase to begin this fall."

Once Breezeline begins the activation phase early next year, homes and businesses will have access to Gig-speed Fiber-to-the-Premises (FTTP) technology for the very first time. The technology provides a powerful online experience for users with fast symmetrical download and upload speeds and low latency for video conferencing, distance learning, telemedicine, and gaming.

Breezeline also plans to introduce "Stream TV," a new cloud-based service that seamlessly integrates live TV, DVR, On Demand and popular streaming apps like Netflix, Amazon Prime, Max, and Disney+ for viewing on devices inside and outside the home via a single, easy-to-use interface.

In addition to the King William County project, Breezeline is <u>expanding internet</u> <u>connectivity</u> to nearly 7,500 unserved homes and businesses in eastern Caroline County and Essex County through a \$15.2 million Virginia Telecommunication Initiative (VATI) grant, with additional contributions from Breezeline and the counties. Breezeline also <u>completed construction</u> this spring on a \$7.2 million, 150-mile fiber-broadband expansion to more than 1,400 homes and businesses in Mathews, Caroline, Lancaster and Middlesex counties, also funded by VATI with contributions from Breezeline and the counties.

For more information, visit <u>breezeline.com/kingwilliamcounty2023</u>.

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## ABOUT BREEZELINE

Cogeco US, operating as Breezeline, a subsidiary of Cogeco Communications Inc. (TSX: CCA), is the eighth-largest cable operator in the United States. The company provides its residential and business customers with Internet, TV and Voice services in 13 states: Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia. Cogeco Communications Inc. also operates in Québec and Ontario, in Canada, under the Cogeco Connexion name. Cogeco Inc.'s subsidiary, Cogeco Media, owns and operates 21 radio stations as well as a news agency serving audiences primarily in the province of Québec.

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