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DRN Read iTech upgrades all customers to faster upload Internet speeds

Ellendale, ND—Fiber Internet customers of DRN Read iTech can look forward to faster upload speeds for their homes and businesses beginning in March with synchronous Internet service. DRN Read iTech is always working to improve speed and reliability of its fiber optic Internet to bring faster and more dependable broadband to its cooperative members. Upgrading Internet to provide synchronous, or equal upload and download speeds, is living out that commitment to provide the top broadband service available.

Beginning March 1, Internet speeds for phone, Internet and TV Paks will go to: 100 MB upload and 100 MB download for the Lite Pak; Extreme Pak, 500 MB upload with 500 MB download; and Big Gig provides 1 gig both upload and download. Members with Internet only service will also see their Internet speeds go synchronous with equal upload and download speeds for: Essential at 250 MB; Extreme at 500 MB; and Big Gig at 1 G.



“As we continue to rely on the Internet for entertainment and work, whether it’s streaming shows or joining a work meeting on Zoom, providing equal upload and download speeds gives DRN Read iTech customers a superior online experience. With synchronous service, you can connect multiple devices at the same location with nearly instant data transferring,” said Kent Schimke, CEO/general manager at DRN Read iTech. “We’re proud to invest in our communities with a network that provides a robust and reliable connection for area residents, now and well into the future,” continued Schimke. CEO/General Manager Schimke also stated DRN Read iTech’s fiber-to-the-premise network provides each home with its own connection and no caps on data.

DRN Read iTech is proud to invest in rural North Dakota with fiber-optic service to support the North Dakotan economy. The broadband and phone provider’s 100% fiber network offers a better future for the communities it serves. DRN Read iTech and its board of directors are committed to improving the quality of life in North Dakota with enhanced access for distance learning and telemedicine, greater property value, increased opportunities for economic development, faster streaming and closer connections with family and friends.

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About DRN Read iTech

Located in Ellendale, N.D., Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative was established in 1950 and was the first telecommunications cooperative in North Dakota. Today, it is marketed as DRN Read iTech and serves high-speed Internet, phone, and video services via fiber-optics to approximately 11,000 cooperative members, plus provides technology and IT support service in southeast and southern central North Dakota. Learn more at: drnreaditech.coop.