

La Motte Telephone Company, Inc.

Historical and Operating Data

La Motte Telephone Company is headquartered at La Motte, Iowa, and provides communications services to its exchanges in northeast Iowa, covering approximately 127.8 square miles. La Motte is operated as a stock corporation supervised by a Board of Directors elected from the exchange areas.

Since 1953, La Motte Telephone Company has been serving Northeast Iowa and the towns of La Motte, St. Donatus, Zwingle. After purchasing the Andrew Telephone Company exchange in 2011, the town of Andrew was added to La Motte's service area. Today, La Motte provides these exchanges with telecommunications, Internet, and digital television services.

The La Motte Telephone Company became incorporated in 1953. In 1968, a new switchboard office and garage were built, and a 600-line Automatic Electric switchboard was installed. The same year, toll-free dialing to the City of Dubuque was also established. The first underground cable was plowed in 1971 and continued until the entire exchange was converted to underground cable. In 2005, a new Coppercom Telecom digital switch was placed into service. La Motte Telephone is currently completing a fiber to the home build in 2020.

In the year 2000, the company built a 190ft PCS tower in Bellevue, Iowa, which provides wireless Internet service to the City of Bellevue and surrounding areas.

Digital TV was rolled out to the communities of La Motte, St. Donatus, Zwingle, and Cottonville in 2008. To continue giving customers the best in digital TV service, La Motte Telephone Company joined the Iowa Video Group, Inc.

In 2010, just outside of Springbrook, Iowa, La Motte built a 300ft guyed tower to provide wireless Internet service to Springbrook and the surrounding previously underserved areas.

In the fall of 2011, La Motte Telephone Company purchased Andrew Telephone Company. Fiber to the home was completed in the Andrew Telephone Exchange in 2019.

The La Motte Telephone Company service areas are primarily agricultural land located in two Iowa counties: Dubuque and Jackson Counties. As stated on the December 2019 Financial and annual report, La Motte has 872 access lines served on 221.55 route miles (356.47 km) of outside plant. This correlates to an access line density of 3.80 lines per route miles (2.36 lines per km) and 6.59 access lines per square mile.

The service areas are rolling prairie with wooded areas, especially along streams and around the farm and ranch sites. As we move East toward the Mississippi River, there are high bluffs, low valleys and thick foliage on the bluffs.

La Motte Telephone Company's goals have, and continue to be, to provide subscribers with the most-up-to-date and modern telephone service of the highest quality at the lowest possible cost. La Motte strives to provide the same or a greater level of service to match those available in the larger metropolitan areas while continuing a rural lifestyle.

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