

Butler-Bremer Mutual Telephone Company
d/b/a Butler-Bremer Communications
Demonstrated Experience

Butler-Bremer Communications (BBC) is an ILEC operating in northeast Iowa with its business office located in Plainfield, Iowa. Organized in 1905 as a local telephone company, we have evolved to a full-service communications company offering local and long-distance telephone service, CATV (IPTV) service and High-Speed Internet. All services to 100% of our customers are provided via a fiber-to-the-premise (FTTP) network.

Through acquisitions and construction, BBC has expanded its service area, as summarized below.

1. Acquired the Clarksville, IA telephone exchange in 1997.
2. Acquired the Nashua, IA CATV system in 2003.
3. Acquired the Shell Rock, IA telephone exchange in 2007.
4. Starting in 2010, entered a cellular partnership with Iowa Wireless and provided cellular service in Bremer, Butler, and Chickasaw counties. Cellular service was acquired by T-Mobile in 2018 although BBC has retained ownership of the tower sites.
5. Starting in 2014, expanded fiber transport network to various cell tower sites within and outside the BBC regulated service area. Through this fiber expansion, BBC began providing business data services in the community of New Hampton.
6. Starting in 2016, based on demand, began expansion projects in Janesville, IA and north rural Waverly, IA with fiber networks.
7. Starting in 2020, began a FTTP project in Nashua, IA which was completed in the spring of 2021.
8. Starting in May of 2021, again based on demand, began a FTTP expansion project in Denver, IA with customer installations began in the fall of 2021.
9. Awarded a NOFA 7 grant to expand services to over 100 customers in rural Janesville and Denver.
10. Began FTTP construction to the community of Fredericksburg in the spring of 2023 with projected completion expected in the winter of 2023-24, reaching an additional 425+ locations.

BBC elected ACAM and subsequently ACAM II for support in its regulated ILEC exchanges which include the Iowa communities (both city and rural) of Clarksville, Frederika, Plainfield, Shell Rock, and Tripoli.

BBC began replacing copper facility with fiber in 2008 and currently serves all customers with active ethernet which gives us the ability to provide 1 Gbps broadband to every location.

BBC is dedicated to providing top quality services with exceptional customer service to all our customers. Our philosophy from inception has been to support the communities we serve while charging the lowest rates possible. Our goal is to continue to do so while expanding that service to those currently underserved around us.

Our current customer base is approximately 5,010 including 1,700 voice (1,336 ILEC, 364 CLEC); 4,447 high speed internet and 1,484 CATV. Of these services 3,310 of our customers take either internet only or internet and CATV.