

South Central Communications, Inc.

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Applicant Business Information

Include information about your business structure, history, and table of organization.

South Central Communications, Inc. (SCC) is a subsidiary of Grand River Mutual Telephone Corporation, d/b/a GRM Networks which was formed December 27th, 1951. GRM Networks was organized as a member-owned cooperative to furnish affordable, dependable telephone service to a large group of rural residents. The organization has grown from this dream to a multi-faceted corporation that provides Internet and telephone service to 48 exchanges across 25 counties, spanning over 4,500 square miles in northern Missouri and southern Iowa. SCC provides high-speed internet in five Iowa counties including Clarke, Lucas, Madison, Union and Wayne. Like the parent company cooperative, SCC constantly strives to provide outstanding customer service and the latest technology to its customers.

Operations began August 1, 1953, with 20 exchanges (12 in Missouri and 8 in Iowa) serving approximately 6,100 telephones. Nine additional exchanges were added by January 1, 1955. The cooperative acquired the Grand River Iowa Telephone Company in February 1979. In September 1984, the corporation purchased the Lathrop Telephone Company, which is operated as a wholly owned subsidiary of GRM Networks. Grand River Mutual Telephone Corporation purchased the Iowa exchanges of Corydon, Lorimor, and Murray in April 1997. These three exchanges are operated as a wholly owned subsidiary of GRM Networks known as South Central Communications, Inc.

GRM Networks' first push button dialing became available in August of 1979. One party service for all GRM Networks subscribers was achieved in December 1987. The corporation began providing Internet service in both Missouri and Iowa in 1996 and was one of the first rural companies in the nation to offer high speed DSL service in 1999. GRM Networks worked with as many as thirteen schools to provide fiber-based interactive distance learning in its serving area beginning in 1996. In addition to local telephone and Internet, GRM currently provides long distance services, small and large business systems, security cameras, and a wide range of service features. The corporation, through partnerships, is engaged in offering cellular service in four rural service areas – three in Missouri and one in Iowa.

GRM Networks' fiber projects help improve educational and healthcare opportunities, contribute to the public safety, and drive economic development in the local areas that will create jobs for years to come. The future of these towns depends on their ability to attract new businesses and generate economic growth. GRM Networks is proud to aid in this effort by providing the technological infrastructure that residents and businesses need to be competitive in the 21st century. The total organization serves over 21,000 broadband subscribers and passes an estimated 47,000 locations.

GRM Networks is not currently involved in any pending or threatened litigation or investigation. In addition, GRM Networks is not currently involved in any administrative, or regulatory proceedings. GRM Networks has also not been involved with any prior contract default or termination.

Parent/Subsidiary Organizational Chart

Grand River Mutual Telephone Corporation

