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DVFiber Partners with Jacksonville Electric to Support Smart Grid Upgrade

Whitingham, VT — Deerfield Valley Fiber (DVFiber), a publicly owned fiber-optic Communication Utility District (CUD) serving Southern Vermont, today announced its partnership with Village of Jacksonville Electric Company (Jacksonville Electric) to support the deployment of a new Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) system designed to enhance grid reliability, operational efficiency, and customer service across the community.

Through this collaboration, DVFiber will provide secure, high-capacity communications infrastructure to enable real-time data transmission between smart meters and utility Data Concentrator Units (DCUs). The fiber network will help support faster outage detection, improved system monitoring, and expanded opportunities for future smart-grid technologies.

“DVFiber is excited to partner with another public utility and deeply gratified by the decision of Jacksonville Electric in choosing our services. We share a common commitment to local, service-focused support to our friends and neighbors. Neither organization is driven by the need to earn profits, and when you receive service from Jacksonville Electric or DVFiber, your investment stays right here in Vermont,” said Patrick Moreland, DVFiber Executive Director.

The AMI project will enable Jacksonville Electric to provide customers with more timely usage information, improved billing accuracy, and enhanced tools for managing energy consumption. The fiber-enabled communications backbone is expected to improve cybersecurity, increase data reliability, and reduce operational costs over time.

“This investment strengthens the reliability and resilience of our electric system while giving customers more timely and accurate insight into their energy use. We’re building a smarter, more efficient grid that better serves our community today and prepares us for the future,” said James Weber, General Manager of Jacksonville Electric. “Partnering with DVFiber provides the secure, reliable communications foundation needed to support a modern electric grid.”

Project implementation is scheduled to begin in March 2026, with phased deployment across Jacksonville Electric’s 768 customers. Customers will receive advance notice prior to any meter installations or service-related work.

About DV Fiber

DVFiber is a Communications Union District (CUD), a unique Vermont municipal corporation that exists to extend high-speed Internet into the unserved and underserved portions of our 24 member towns. We own and operate a cutting-edge fiber-to-the-premises network that is currently delivering service in Readsboro, Stamford, Halifax, Whitingham, and portions of Marlboro and Guilford.

About Jacksonville Electric

The Village of Jacksonville Electric Company provides electric service to the Village of Jacksonville and approximately two-thirds of the Town of Whitingham in Windham County, Vermont. Both the Village and the utility were incorporated in 1904. As the smallest electric utility in Vermont, Jacksonville Electric serves a 50-square-mile area with 768 customers. Through its partnership with the Vermont Public Power Supply Authority, the utility delivers advanced large-grid technologies while maintaining the affordability and reliability of a small community system. Jacksonville Electric's mission is to provide safe, reliable, and affordable energy services to the community it serves.

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