

# **Handout 1**

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# What is DSN?

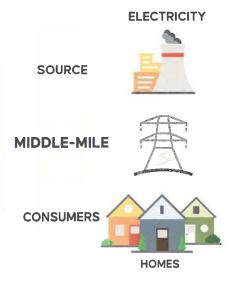
Diamond State Networks is a middle mile network provider comprising the largest and most complete distribution of fiber optic internet services in the state of Arkansas.

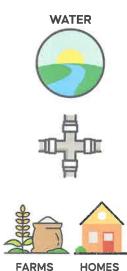


### What is a middle-mile network?

A middle-mile network serves as the backbone of connectivity for Internet Service Providers. This connection point allows distribution of high-bandwidth services to large numbers of people.

Here's an analogy that helps visualize the role middle-mile connections play in connecting us to vital resources. In our case, that is high-speed broadband internet.







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# Benefits of a middle mile in Arkansas?

1 CONSUMER COST REDUCTION

By uniting statewide electric cooperative broadband networks, Diamond State Networks combines more consumer traffic than any other single network in the State. This creates the ability to purchase large connections at significantly lower cost.

2 RURAL BROADBAND GROWTH

Expansion of high-speed broadband has been delayed due to the lack of affordable connections available to rural service providers. DSN provides the fastest network in Arkansas to every corner of the state, at extremely low costs.

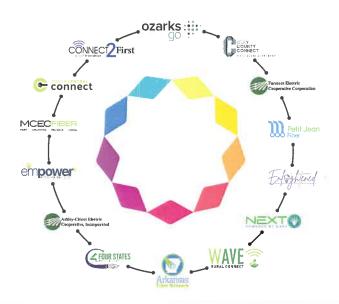
3 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Businesses establish locations based around access to high-speed broadband services. By empowering best-in-class networks around the state, rural communities in Arkansas become better positioned to attract businesses.

#### Who is DSN?

Diamond State Networks is formed by the **partnership of 13 Arkansas, member-owned electric cooperatives and/or their fiber network subsidiaries**. This network provides our fiber network users with the backing of hundreds of years combined experience in providing Arkansans with vital utility services.

The strength of their experience, combined with the progressive model of Diamond State Networks provides an unparalleled platform for success.



### The Diamond State Networks Mission:

We envision a future where the State of Arkansas is the most significantly connected state in the country. Broadband is the single-most powerful bridge of socioeconomic divides and our mission is to catalyze the growth of high-speed connections throughout our state.

50,000+ MILES OF FIBER 100%
FIBER THROUGHOUT
THE NETWORK

800GB
TRANSPORT SERVICES
AVAILABLE

600,000 PASSINGS

\$1.66 BIL TOTAL INVESTMENT 1.5 MIL+
RESIDENTS REACHED

**72 OF 75**COUNTIES SERVED

64% STATE COVERAGE

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