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**Adams Fiber Certified Gig-Capable Provider by
NTCA—The Rural Broadband Association**

Arlington, Va. – Adams Fiber was recognized by NTCA—The Rural Broadband Association, the premier association representing nearly 900 independent, community-based telecommunications companies that are leading innovation in rural and small-town America, as a Certified Gig-Capable Provider for delivering gigabit broadband speeds and enabling technological innovation in the Augusta, Coatsburg-Paloma, Loraine, and Mindale communities.

To achieve certification, telecommunications companies must show that gigabit technology is currently commercially available within 95% of one or more exchanges within its serving territory and that such service can be provided without new trenching or stringing new aerial facilities. This statement must be confirmed by a letter from an engineering firm or other independent source involved in the company's network planning, deployment or operation.

As a Certified Gig-Capable Provider, Adams Fiber joins a national campaign to build awareness and industry recognition of community-based telecom providers that have built communications networks capable of delivering Internet speeds of up to 1 gigabit per second, which is 100 times faster than those currently available in many U.S. households. Adams Fiber also received tools to promote itself as a Gig-Capable Provider in the Coatsburg and Loraine community and will be recognized in NTCA media, on the NTCA website, and during association conferences and events.

“I applaud Adams Fiber for its commitment to delivering the Internet’s fastest speeds—an accomplishment worthy of much praise considering the unique and challenging circumstances small, community-based telecommunications providers operate under

every day in serving some of our country's most rural and remote communities," said NTCA Chief Executive Officer Shirley Bloomfield. "By building a gigabit-capable network, Adams Fiber has not only overcome these challenges, but also shattered conventional benchmarks for broadband speed to enable cutting-edge technologies that drive innovation and promote economic development in their communities, region and nationwide."

During the month of April, Adams is giving all fiber customers a chance to help celebrate their Gig-Capable Provider certification with the Big Gig Giveaway. All customers who upgrade their Internet package to the Gigabit package will be entered to win a \$1,000 Adams bill credit. Customers already receiving Gigabit service are automatically entered. New customers who sign up for Gigabit service before April 28, 2017 can enter too and should call 217-214-3423 to learn more.

More information about the NTCA Gig-Capable Provider certification program is available at www.ntca.org/gigcertified.

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About Adams Fiber

Adams has 65 years of experience in the telecommunications industry, providing telephone, television, and broadband Internet services in places where there was previously little or no coverage. The company is well known for business communication, Internet offerings and for investing in communities to further economic development.

www.followthefiber.net

About NTCA—The Rural Broadband Association

NTCA—The Rural Broadband Association is the premier association representing nearly 900 independent, community-based telecommunications companies that are leading innovation in rural and small-town America. NTCA advocates on behalf of its members in the legislative and regulatory arenas, and it provides training and development; publications and industry events; and an array of employee benefit programs. In an era of exploding technology, deregulation and marketplace competition, NTCA's members are leading the IP evolution for rural consumers, delivering technologies that make rural communities vibrant places in which to live and do business. Because of their efforts, rural America is fertile ground for innovation in economic development and commerce, education, health care, government services, security and smart energy use. Visit us at www.ntca.org.