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## Charter's more aggressive rural expansion might push out HFC upgrades



Charter has identified 300,000 nearby locations to supplement its rural broadband buildout. More near-term spending on those deployments could delay the completion of Charter's HFC upgrade to mid-2026.

Charter Communications' plan to upgrade its widely deployed hybrid fiber/coax (HFC) network could be pushed out by a few months as the company looks to redirect some dollars toward a more aggressive fiber network expansion in rural markets.

As Charter's Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF) has progressed, the operator has identified an additional 300,000 adjacent passings along the way that are not in the Census blocks that the operator [originally won in the Phase I RDOF auction](#), Charter CFO Jessica Fischer said Friday on the company's Q3 2023 earnings call.

With those new, adjacent passings added in, Charter expects its RDOF initiative to yield about 1.3 million passings – up from the original 1 million total – over the multi-year buildout period.

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## SCTE Member of the Year Award Congratulations Sam Acoff!



This renowned award recognizes the SCTE member who has made the most significant contributions to the Society through active participation in its programs and efforts during the past year.

**Sam Acoff, Headend Manager at Comcast Communications**

Sam Acoff is recognized as an outstanding chapter president for the Great Lakes chapter. He is lauded for raising the chapter to new heights through training and new visions of bringing in a wider group of professionals not thought of before. He is a mentor for new leaders and technicians in Headend, Network Maintenance, Tech Ops and Fiber maintenance. He seeks to partner with local municipalities to bring industry awareness at the high school and college levels as a trade. He continually seeks out and stays ahead with training on new technologies. Sam is appreciated for how he elevates those around him and brings new ideas to the table. He continually encourages involvement and engagement among his Comcast peers and teams and is truly a Member of the Year. Congratulations Sam Acoff, 2023 recipient of SCTE Member of the Year.

**Congratulations to our own GLC president Sam Acoff!**

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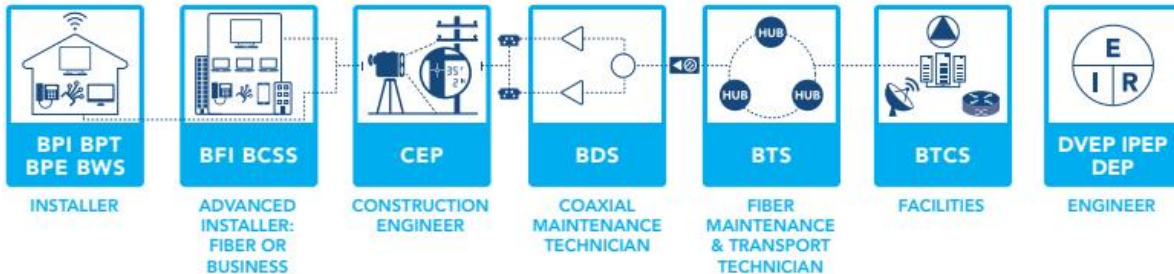
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