Rural Telecommunications Project Planning Guide Introduction

Cable technology has developed along with radio technology. Although twisted-pair cables are still extensively used, the use of coaxial cable is becoming more wide-spread. It is used to extend television, data, and voice from national networks into small communities. Even optical fiber cable finds a place in rural telecommunications because of its almost unlimited growth capacity. As manufacturing costs decrease and distances between repeaters increase, fiber optics can be economically extended further into the rural sector.

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