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WASHINGTON, D.C., May 6 --- U.S. Senators James B. Pearson and Bob Dole announced today the notification of a \$933,000 loan to the Kansas Telephone Company in Gardner, Kansas.

The Rural Electrification Administration loan will affect 40 Kansas counties and will be used for the following purposes:

Upgrade existing service in the Meriden, Osage City and Rossville exchanges to one and four-party lines.

Finance facilities to serve 613 new subscribers.

Construct 35 miles of new line.

Construct an addition to the dial central office building in the Osage City exchange.

Robert B. Pearman, Gardner, is company president and manager.

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(Kansas counties affected: Franklin, Anderson, Douglas, Johnson, Miami, Allen, Bourbon, Chase, Coffey, Cowley, Elk, Greenwood, Linn, Lyon, Montgomery, Neosho, Osage, Sumner, Wilson, Woodson, Atchison, Geary, Jackson, Jefferson, Leavenworth, Morris, Nemaha, Pottawatomie, Shawnee, Waubensee, Harvey, Kingman, Marion, McPherson, Reno, Rice, Edwards, Pawnee, Pratt, Stafford.)