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Washington, D.C., May 5 --- U.S. Senators James B. Pearson, Bob Dole and U.S. Rep. Joe Skubitz announced today a Rural Electrification Administration loan of \$395,000 to the Pleasanton Telephone Company in Pleasanton, Kansas.

The REA borrower serves Linn County, Kans. and Bates County, Mo. \$385,300 of the loan is designated for use in Kansas, and the remaining \$9,700 will be used in Missouri.

The purpose of the loan is to:

Upgrade existing service throughout the system to one and two-party lines in place of the present eight-party system.

Finance facilities to serve 323 new subscribers.

Replace a major portion of overhead line with buried cable; and construct 16 miles of new line.

Clyde E. Tucker, Pleasanton, is company president.

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