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\$1.9 MILLION TO TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE SERVING 5 KANSAS COUNTIES

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Senators Bob Dole and James Pearson today announced a \$1,925,000 Rural Electrification Administration loan to the Rainbow Telephone Cooperative Association, Inc., located in Everest. The cooperative serves the five Kansas counties of Brown, Atchison, Doniphan, Jackson, and Jefferson counties.

Loans are made by the REA through provisions of the Dole-Poage Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-12), which expanded available financing to rural telephone companies.

The money will be used to finance facilities to connect 142 additional subscribers, construct 64 miles of new line, upgrade service to all one-party lines through out the system, construct new central office buildings in the Everest and Robinson exchanges and finance system improvements, including new toll facilities.