Bringing Fiber Capacity to the Masses Mar 00

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In a new twist in the now-familiar utility telecommunications strategy, a group of utilities has banded together in an effort to leverage—the good kind of leverage—fiber-optic assets in their service territories to create a network that will eventually reach across 11 states. It will stretch from Chicago to New York City and from upstate New York to Tennessee. The difference in this new venture, America's Fiber Network LLC (AFN), is not just the idea of combining various small systems into one large one. The group is targeting second- and third-tier cities in its region, which often have until now been passed over as sites for fiber-optic networks. The utilities involved as majority owners in the AFN joint venture, accounting for...

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