

EVEREST

- A facilities based broadband service provider. Everest provides local and long distance service, cable service and high speed Internet service to 30,500 customers over it's own facilities in Lenexa, Overland Park, Shawnee and south Kansas City.
- Formed in mid 2000; survived telecom "bust".
- Service to first customers was turned up on January 25, 2001.
- 96% owned by Aquila; however Aquila has provided no funding for Everest operations since April 2003. Everest is now self-supporting.
- Everest is capable of providing service to 74,000 homes; 65,000 of which are in Kansas.
- 90% of Everest's residential customers are in Kansas.
- Everest holds cable and telecom franchises from these cities: Lenexa, Shawnee, and Overland Park. Everest remits franchise fees on telephone and cable revenues. In addition, Everest holds telecommunications franchises in Lenexa, Merriam, Mission, Fairway, Westwood, and the City of Mission Woods, where it has telecom facilities that passes through each of these cities.
- Everest also provides business service and has approximately 7,000 access lines, 60% of which are served with a combination of SBC and Everest facilities. Forty percent are served using only Everest's network.
- 170 Employees; payroll in excess of \$10 million.
- Paid \$750,000 in Kansas property taxes.
- Everest customers contributed \$345,000 to the federal universal service fund and \$380,000 to the Kansas universal service fund. Everest receives no proceeds from either the federal or Kansas universal service funds.

