Broadband Timeline

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October 2015
The Board began hearing from members and listening to needs and potential impacts of broadband services.

May and June 2016
The Board discussed the need for broadband in Texas' rural areas and referenced this issue during the Annual Meeting. The Board was notified of the broadband topics discussed at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) regional meeting.

2017   2018

2015   2016

January 2017
Cooperative's Strategic Plan called for a feasibility study of broadband deployment throughout the service territory.

September 2018
The Board addressed and reviewed various models for broadband services offered by other cooperatives.

Broadband timeline (cont.)

October 2019
The Board conducted a workshop to review the results of the broadband feasibility study. Since the details of the study and its findings are sensitive, proprietary, and contain competitive information, the Cooperative cannot release these materials.

February 2019
The Board considered Texas legislative initiatives, including Senate Bill 14.

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June 2019
At the Annual Meeting, the Board noted a broadband feasibility study had commenced.

January 2020
The Board approved directing co-op delegates at NRECA meetings to vote in favor of NRECA assisting with efforts removing state statutory or regulatory barriers for broadband deployment.

Broadband timeline (cont.)

October 2020
The Board received expert advice covering the legal, corporate, financial, and regulatory impacts to potential business plans for the provision of broadband services.

May 2020
The Board investigated Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF) broadband funding.

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October 2020
The Board completed a broadband workshop.

September 2020
The Board authorized various activities to examine PEC broadband service options.
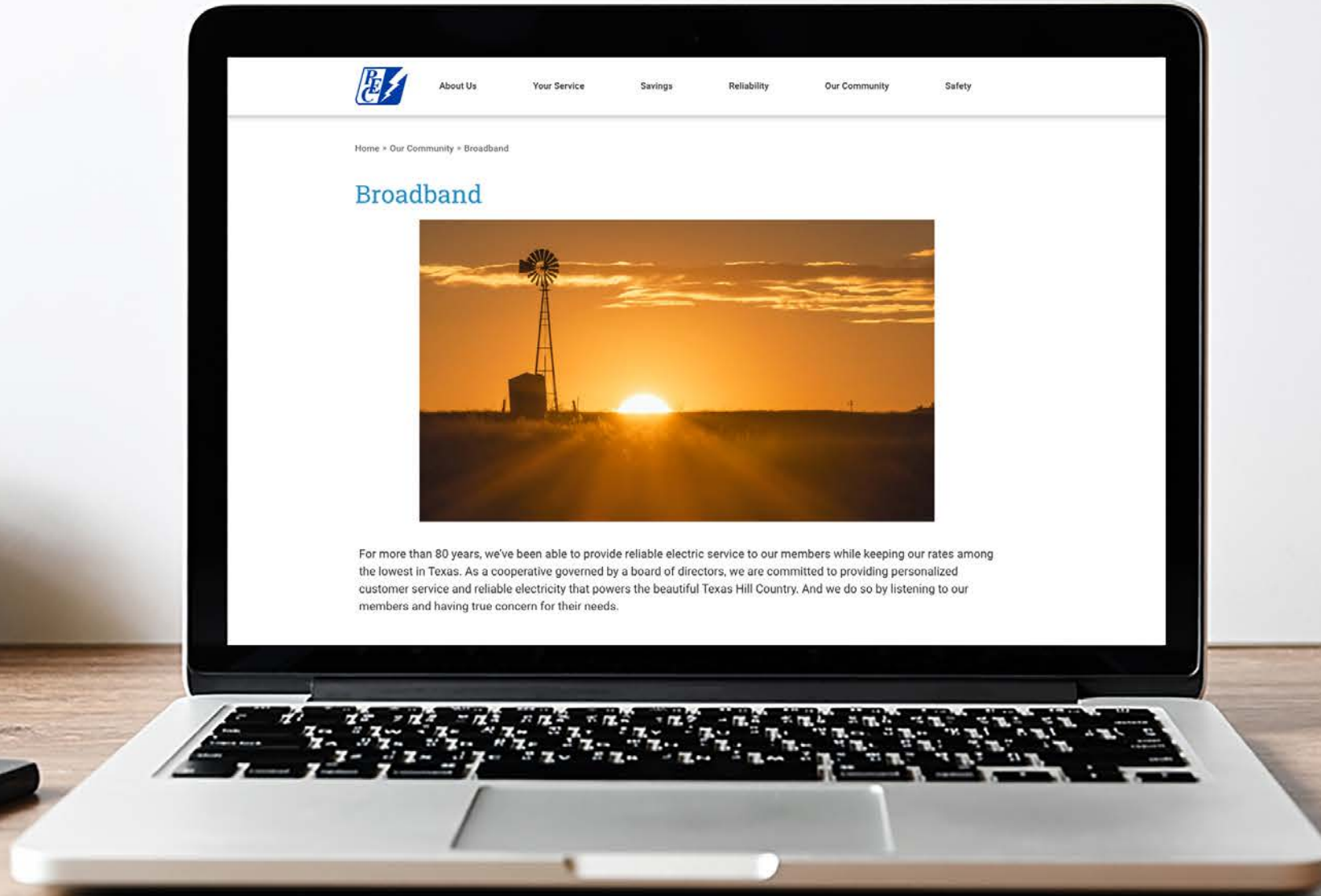
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Resources

- Board workshops

- Business plan options and modeling projections

- Community working groups

- Corporate, legal, and regulatory advisors

- FCC data review

- Feasibility studies

- Financial and tax advisors and scenario plans

- Funding opportunities, including government and private

- Industry experts, including deployment technology

- Internal research and data gathering

- Legislative and regulatory landscape

- Member requests and comments

- NRECA resources and presentations, including experiences of other cooperatives

Broadband webpage

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