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Tim Johnson is the Chief Executive Officer and General Counsel of Otsego Electric Cooperative and its fiber subsidiary, OEConnect. OEConnect has received over \$21 million of Broadband grants from NY State and the federal government to help fund the costs to build an 800-mile network to all of the Cooperative's members and many nonmembers in the area. OEConnect currently serves about 2,800 subscribers, many of whom came on board after the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. Prior to becoming CEO, Tim was a rural small-town lawyer in private practice for 27 years from 1985 to 2012 in Central NY near Cooperstown. During this time, Tim represented Otsego Electric Cooperative and 2 other NY rural electric cooperatives and numerous other private clients, nonprofits, charities, and municipalities. Tim was also Assistant General Counsel at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association in Arlington, Virginia from 2012-2015 where he worked with 900 electric cooperatives across the nation.

Tim is the Executive Secretary of the New York State Rural Electric Cooperative Association and he represents OEC on the Executive Committee of the New York Association of Public Power, and the Northeast Association of Electric Cooperatives. He has previously served on a national Governance Task Force for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. Tim is also a member of the Electric Cooperative Bar Association and the New York State Bar Association. He currently serves on the Board of Education for Edmeston Central School.

He received Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the University of Rochester and a law degree at Albany Law School of Union University. Tim is married, has three children and he resides in Edmeston, NY.