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Utilities in Catawba County are provided by various carriers depending upon the location of service. Below is a list that shows, in general terms, the providers for various services in each Catawba County municipality. For more specific information on availability of service or rates, please contact the Catawba County Economic Development Corporation.

Location	Water/Sewer	Electricity	Natural Gas	Telecommunications
Catawba County	Catawba County	Duke Energy Energy United Rutherford Electric Membership Corp.	Piedmont Natural Gas	AT&T – BellSouth Charter Business, DukeNet
Town of Brookford	City of Hickory	Duke Energy	Piedmont Natural Gas	Embarq, Charter Business, DukeNet
Town of Catawba	City of Hickory	Duke Energy	Piedmont Natural Gas	AT&T – BellSouth, Charter Business, DukeNet
City of Claremont	City of Claremont	Duke Energy	Piedmont Natural Gas	AT&T – BellSouth, Charter Business, DukeNet
City of Conover	City of Conover	Duke Energy	Piedmont Natural Gas	AT&T – BellSouth, Charter Business, DukeNet
Town of Long View	Town of Long View	Duke Energy	Piedmont Natural Gas	
City of Hickory	City of Hickory	Duke Energy	Piedmont Natural Gas	Embarq, Charter Business, DukeNet
Town of Maiden	Town of Maiden	Town of Maiden Duke Energy	Piedmont Natural Gas	AT&T – BellSouth, Charter Business, DukeNet
City of Newton	City of Newton	City of Newton Electricities Duke Energy	Piedmont Natural Gas	AT&T – BellSouth, Charter Business, DukeNet



Electricity Providers

Duke Energy

1-800-653-5307

www.duke-energy.com

Duke Energy generates and delivers electricity and innovative products and services. We demonstrate our business values in all aspects of our operations and in the way we help our customers, employees, shareholders and communities prosper. At Duke Energy, we've been helping the Piedmont region of North and South Carolina grow since 1904. We're committed to providing your business with a continuous flow of service and expertise -- to respond quickly to new opportunities and to help you bring higher quality, greater production and increased efficiencies to your business. As you begin to locate or expand your plant or facility in the Carolinas, we invite you to look to us for expert guidance and customized services.

Energy United

1-800-522-3793

www.energyunited.com

EnergyUnited was formed in 1998 when electrical cooperative members overwhelmingly voted to consolidate Crescent and Davidson Electric Membership Corporations. These two established cooperatives served customers for 60 years.

Headquartered in Statesville, EnergyUnited is the third largest supplier of residential electricity in the state with a service territory that stretches south from the Virginia border and includes three of North Carolina's largest cities — Charlotte, Winston-Salem, and Greensboro.

Because it is a cooperative, EnergyUnited's customers own the company, elect its board of directors, and vote on policies at annual meetings. The cooperative is not in business to make a profit, but to provide a needed service at the lowest possible cost to its member customers.

Rutherford Electric Membership Corporation

1-828-584-1410

www.remc.com

North Carolina proudly continues to be a leader in domestic and international business and industry expansion. In the area we serve, Rutherford EMC has, since 1937, helped the state earn this well-deserved reputation. We are a non-profit cooperative – a retail supplier of electricity to over 57,000 commercial and residential consumers in ten counties. Rutherford EMC's retail sales of kWh have increased over 20 percent in the last five years – testimony to our energy to get things done. Our best track record is in the quality of our service and our commitment to overall economic growth in the communities where we help people do business and enjoy life.



Electricity Providers
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ElectriCities

1-828-695-9332

www.electricities.com

ElectriCities is a not-for-profit government service organization representing cities, towns and universities that own electric distribution systems. Today, ElectriCities represents more than 90 members in North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia.

Formed in 1965 to protect the interests of Public Power customers, and to provide a unified voice to speak out in the North Carolina legislature, ElectriCities continues today to serve Public Power communities.

ElectriCities provides customer service and safety training, emergency and technical assistance, communications, government affairs and legal services. Through consolidation of these services, members save their customers the expense of administering these functions locally. ElectriCities also provides management services to the state's two municipal Power Agencies: North Carolina Municipal Power Agency Number 1 (NCMPA1) and North Carolina Eastern Municipal Power Agency (NCEMPA). Most member cities have been in the electric business for 100 years or more.

City of Newton

1-828-695-4301

www.newtonnc.gov

Newton's electric department was established in 1896 to provide our citizens an essential service at an economical price. Because we own and operate our nonprofit electric utility, we are able to govern this important service locally. All of the revenues generated by our system remain in the community.

The City of Newton serves approximately 4,500 customers today who demand more than 28 MW of electric power. Newton is experienced in serving many industrial and commercial customers. The City is ready, willing, and able to serve the needs of your project today.

The City of Newton through their association with ElectriCities can assist you with programs to improve the operations of your facilities. Through the use of experts in various electrical fields, Newton can provide you with assistance in generation, lighting, power quality, HVAC and demand control. Should you need assistance in the initial design of your facilities or later on during actual operation, solutions are available for your project.

For qualifying customers, Newton may provide, at no cost, a standby diesel generator (nominal size 2MW) to) at the Facility that will start automatically, in the event of an outage, and provide electrical power to the Facility within 60 seconds. All operation, maintenance and fuel may be provided by the City.



Gas Providers

Piedmont Natural Gas

1-800-752-7504

www.piedmontng.com

The economic strength and diversity of our service area is one of our greatest assets. Our customer growth rate is three times the national average for our industry. Apparently many others have discovered the attraction of our Piedmont region!

If you're considering a relocation or expansion in the Piedmont region of the Carolinas or the coastal region of N.C., call us. Our engineers offer energy and site analysis and can help you find the most competitive processes and facilities for your business. They'll work hand-in-hand with regional economic development professionals and/or your company's consultants to confidentially establish sites that best meet your energy needs.

If drawings and surveys show no natural gas service available, we may still be able to help you. We often extend our service lines at no charge. Please contact us. Our staff will confidentially assist you in confirming natural gas service and make you aware of any special tariffs that apply.



Telecommunications Providers

AT&T - BellSouth

1-888-327-1900

www.att.com

AT&T Inc. is the largest communications holding company in the United States and worldwide, by revenue. Operating globally under the AT&T brand, AT&T is recognized as the leading worldwide provider of IP-based communications services to businesses and the leading U.S. provider of wireless, high speed Internet access, local and long distance voice, and directory publishing and advertising services. As part of its "three screen" integration strategy, AT&T is expanding video entertainment offerings to include such next-generation television services as AT&T U-verseSM TV.

The merger of AT&T and BellSouth, along with the ownership consolidation of Cingular Wireless and YELLOWPAGES.COM, will speed convergence, competition and continued innovation in the communications and entertainment industry, creating new solutions for consumers and businesses. AT&T continues to build on the heritage of its predecessor companies that have served customers for more than a century. The new AT&T will earn customer trust and loyalty with a continuing commitment to the deployment of innovative products and services, reliable, high-quality service and excellent customer care.

Charter Business

1-800-314-7195

www.charter-business.com

Charter Communications, Inc. is a leading broadband communications company and the third largest publicly traded cable operator in the United States. Charter provides a full range of advanced broadband services, including advanced Charter Digital Cable video entertainment programming, Charter High-Speed Internet access service, and Charter Telephone services. Charter BusinessTM similarly provides scalable, tailored and cost-effective broadband communications solutions to business organizations, such as business-to-business internet access, data networking, video and music entertainment services, and business telephone. Charter's advertising sales and production services are sold under the Charter Media brand.

DukeNet

1-800-754-7730

www.duke-energy.com/dukenet.asp

DukeNet was formed in 1994 as the telecommunications arm of Duke Energy, a multinational energy company that has focused on quality, reliability and service for 100 years. We offer the agility of a small business, and the strength of a major enterprise. Recipient of the highest in-service ratings from telecommunication carriers, DukeNet Communications develops and manages fiber optic communications systems in North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia. Currently, DukeNet controls more than 3,000 miles of fiber optic network.

DukeNet offers a wide range of solutions for your data, voice and video needs. Our diverse and reliable fiber network and the experience of our engineering, provisioning and installation teams will help you achieve greater market share and allow you to meet the needs of your customers in the most efficient and cost effective way.

CenturyLink

1-866-380-9990

www.centurylink.com

CenturyLink is a leading provider of high-quality voice, broadband and video services over its advanced communications networks to consumers and businesses in 33 states. CenturyLink, headquartered in Monroe, La., is an S&P 500 Company and expects to be listed in the Fortune 500 list of America's largest corporations. Here are some statistics:

- 4th largest local exchange telephone company in United States based on access lines
- Access lines in service: 7,321,700
- High-Speed Internet Connections: 2,093,500
- Network: 100% digital; Centrex; Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN); Advanced Intelligent Network (AIN)