



Alaska Communications Brings 3G Coverage to Gustavus and Hoonah *Network Upgrade Provides Faster Data Speeds in Southeast*

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, July 18, 2011 – Residents and visitors in Gustavus and Hoonah will now be able to access higher speeds due to Alaska Communications' 3G network expansion in the area, announced today. The expanded network brings more opportunities for those in the area with mobile services, devices and feature-rich audio and video content. The communities used a 2G network before today, but will enjoy even faster data speeds with 3G.

“Demand for wireless data is growing, whether it’s for sharing content with friends, downloading the latest apps, revising a business presentation, or listening to music all on the go,” said Matt Peterson, Alaska Communications vice president of engineering. “With this expansion, customers in Gustavus and Hoonah can enjoy the best, most advanced wireless experience. We’re proud to connect more Alaskans, faster.”

The network enhancement is part of Alaska Communications' aggressive multi-million dollar network investment to stay ahead of the growing demand for mobile data services. The company was also the first provider to offer Alaska high-speed mobile data through its 3G CDMA EVDO network in 2004, now the largest 3G CDMA network in the state - covering more than 75 percent of Alaska's population from the Southeast to the North Slope.

With the dependability and coverage of Alaska Communications' 3G network, customers will appreciate the best possible mobile device experience in Alaska. Additionally, with its roaming partner in the Lower 48, Alaska Communications customers experience the fastest and broadest 3G coverage when traveling outside of the state.

About Alaska Communications

Headquartered in Anchorage, Alaska Communications Systems Group, Inc. through its subsidiaries, provides Alaska Communications services and is a leading provider of high-speed wireless, mobile broadband, Internet, local, long-distance and advanced data solutions for businesses and consumers in Alaska and the Pacific Northwest. The Alaska Communications network includes the most advanced wireline and wireless data and voice networks and the most diverse undersea fiber optic system connecting Alaska to the contiguous United States. For more information, visit www.alaskacommunications.com or www.alsk.com.

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