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Hughes Surpasses Major Milestone: 500,000 Subscribers to HughesNet High-Speed Satellite Internet Access Service

Leading satellite broadband service provider crosses major milestone as U.S. grapples with the issue of universal broadband connectivity

Germantown, Md., January 25, 2010—Hughes Network Systems, LLC (HUGHES), the global leader in broadband satellite networks and services, today announced that it has surpassed 500,000 North American subscribers to its HughesNet[®] service. At a time when the U.S. is debating how to bring about universal broadband connectivity, Hughes continues to deliver high-speed Internet access services to individuals and small businesses that are in underserved and unserved areas of North America and otherwise would have to rely on slow dial-up connections.

“High-speed access is about more than being able to surf the Internet,” said Mike Cook, Hughes senior vice president. “For the millions of homes and small businesses lying within areas of North America that are unserved by cable and DSL providers, satellite broadband is what keeps people connected to friends and family and keeps countless small businesses generating revenue.”

HughesNet high-speed satellite service is what kept Angie Reinche of Missouri in contact with her husband when he was deployed in Iraq. In Wilmore, Kan., HughesNet Internet access at the local library has enabled the town’s 100 residents to take distance learning classes, conduct research, and shop online, giving them access to stores that are a four-hour car ride away.

For farmers such as Lee Sherbyn of “Pay it Forward Ranch” in Bealton, Va. or Linda Laney of “Laney Honey” in North Liberty, Ind., a HughesNet satellite connection is the only way their businesses can survive.

“Our latest generation of HughesNet satellite broadband services, powered by our SPACEWAY[®] 3 satellite, bring significantly increased speed, flexibility, and value to our customers,” Cook added. “We are proud to have reached this significant milestone and could not have done it without the hard work of our dealers, installers, and employees. We look forward to continuing to push the envelope, bringing our subscribers even faster speeds and more feature-rich applications in the future.”

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According to Cook, “While the government continues to debate the best approach to providing universal broadband access, Hughes is delivering on the promise today and the more than 500,000 subscribers we proudly serve can attest to the difference it has made in their lives and in their communities.”

HughesNet is the leading broadband satellite Internet service in North America. For more information about HughesNet services, please visit www.hughesnet.com or call 1-866-859-2268.

About Hughes Network Systems

Hughes Network Systems, LLC (HUGHES) is the global leader in providing broadband satellite networks and services for large enterprises, governments, small businesses, and consumers. HughesNet encompasses all broadband solutions and managed services from Hughes, bridging the best of satellite and terrestrial technologies. Its broadband satellite products are based on global standards approved by the TIA, ETSI and ITU standards organizations, including IPoS/DVB-S2, RSM-A and GMR-1. To date, Hughes has shipped more than 2.1 million systems to customers in over 100 countries.

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