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## RidgeviewTel and StarNet Partner to Secure and Operate Longmont Wi-Fi Network

LONGMONT, Colo.; November 19, 2009 –Broadband network technology developer RidgeviewTel, in partnership with StarNet LLC, has secured the assets of the Longmont, Colo. wireless mesh network. This Wi-Fi network, one of the largest mesh networks in the country, currently serves 600 customers and supports over 2,000 devices, which access the network daily. Network upgrades and improvements have begun and plans are underway to further augment the network by deploying additional Tropos and WiMAX equipment, allowing for significant increases in bandwidth availability to business and residential customers.

“We are excited and proud to be securing the future of this network and continuing to carry it forward with advanced technologies. The opportunity to serve our local area is very special. This town and our citizens need affordable Internet access and we are enhancing the current design and network strength to bring the dependable service they need,” said Vince Jordan, CEO of RidgeviewTel. “Over the coming months, we’ll continue to optimize this as a model network for municipalities across the country and will ensure Longmont’s position as a technologically-advanced community.”

The City of Longmont has been seeking to provide its businesses and residents advanced telecommunication services for the past 12 years. Following several previous owners, StarNet acquired the network for \$122,000 from Boulder County in an auction on November 12, 2009.

RidgeviewTel will now maintain and operate the network under the RidgeviewTel brand using its propriety dBOSS™ platform. The dBOSS platform gives RidgeviewTel a major advantage over previous operators: dBOSS™ consolidates network operations, engineering and customer service so that all departments access the same information in real-time. In this way, dBOSS™ supports more efficient network operations and customer service delivery for a more stable business venture.

“It’s a real success story that a local business stepped up to run this network,” said Tom Roiniotis, Longmont Power & Communications director. “It’s a local company with a local presence to support the network and customer service.”

“Tropos has seen the many benefits wireless broadband provides to communities around the world and it’s great to see such benefits will now be continued for the residents and businesses of Longmont. RidgeviewTel brings with them the needed experience in operations, management, maintenance and service to drive success in Longmont,” said John Griebing, Director of System Engineering, Tropos Networks, Inc.

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RidgeviewTel is a full-service broadband communications company based in Longmont, Colorado that provides affordable, high-speed Internet services to communities and municipalities under-served by traditional telecom and cable providers. Their dBOSS software is a complete OSS/BSS/NMS platform created for any type of network, making it appealing for both wireless and wireline networks. Founded by President and CEO Vincent Jordan, a telecom industry veteran and entrepreneur, RidgeviewTel operates through three divisions, and provides wireless broadband to rural areas in several states including 24 communities in New York, 29 in Colorado, and eight in Illinois. For more about RidgeviewTel, visit [www.ridgeviewtel.com](http://www.ridgeviewtel.com).

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