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RidgeviewTel Working to Bring a New Broadband Network to Eastern Colorado
Congresswoman Betsy Markey lends her support by site visit

LONGMONT, CO; July 31, 2009 – Congresswoman Betsy Markey recently toured the RidgeviewTel headquarters in Longmont, Colo. where the broadband services company is designing a program to expand and help to bring broadband services to Northern and Eastern Colorado.

Engineering is currently underway to design and network the majority of Markey’s Eastern Colorado district. RidgeviewTel has engineered what’s known as an Open Access Network plan, utilizing their dBOSS Platform, which Representative Markey and her team reviewed during their visit. This proposed network design will serve more than 16,000 households within Markey’s district and also help to bring multiple carriers to the regions—a key characteristic of an open access approach.

“Broadband is a necessity to support our rural communities,” says Rep. Markey, the 4th Congressional Representative. “Providing high-speed, wireless broadband service at an affordable price to people in rural areas is greatly needed. The agricultural industry, medical services and community centers such as schools and libraries can all benefit from this network.”

Deploying a next generation network infrastructure capable of supporting the types of data-intensive applications such as video and voice is a cash intensive endeavor and funding from the stimulus program is intended to accelerate such infrastructure so that service can reach those that need it. Eastern Colorado is for the most part very rural and the proposed RidgeviewTel plan would serve not only ranchers and farmers and their businesses, but also healthcare centers, schools and community-based organizations. By creating an Open Access Network, the infrastructure will be in place to attract multiple providers to the region, which will be critical in maintaining affordable service levels for many years to come.

“It was a pleasure to host Congresswoman Markey at our headquarters,” says Vince Jordan, RidgeviewTel CEO. “We are pleased to help support one of her key initiatives- bringing broadband to Eastern Colorado. She understands the need to get this network built as well as the sense of urgency and issue of affordability. Those residents and businesses need the same level of communications we have here in the urban corridor and together we are working hard to make that a reality.”

RidgeviewTel is a full-service broadband communications company based in Longmont, Colorado that provides affordable, high-speed, wireless Internet services to communities under-served by traditional telecom and cable providers. 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.

