Atlantic Broadband Continues Progress On State-Of-The-Art Network To Bring Video, Internet And Phone To King William County, Va.

Saluda, Va. – Atlantic Broadband, the nation’s eighth-largest cable operator, continued construction of a new, advanced telecommunications network in King William County, Va., and surrounding communities that will provide about 2,700 homes and businesses with access to advanced video, Internet and phone services for the first time. The fiber-to-the-home network will bring services to Central Garage (King William County), Newtown (King and Queen County) and Sparta (Caroline County).

The first activations will occurred in early December in the eastern end of King William County (Route 360 corridor up to Route 30 intersection). Later in December, services were available along a route from Newtown Road North (Route 721N from the Route 360 corridor) in King and Queen County to Sparta in Caroline County. In advance of the initial activations, Atlantic Broadband opened a new office at 694 Sharon Road, King William on November 18. The office will be open weekdays from 10 AM-7 PM and 9 AM-1 PM on Saturdays. Read more.

Source: Press Release | Nov. 12, 2019

C Spire, Entergy Build $11M Fiber Project To Serve Rural Mississippi

C Spire and Entergy are putting the finishing touches on an $11 million all-fiber infrastructure project that paves the way for faster broadband speeds in rural areas of Mississippi. Contractors for C Spire are finishing up the longest continuous span of fiber-optic cable -- 6,585 linear feet -- in the company’s history underneath the 33,000-acre Ross Barnett Reservoir in Mississippi. The fiber is one element of a broadband Internet infrastructure project with Entergy Mississippi that spans 300 miles across 15 rural counties in the state. Recently, construction crews drilled 40 feet below the mud line under
the reservoir bottom to place conduit and connect the 6,585-linear-foot section of the last remaining span between Highway 43 on the south end of the reservoir and Pipeline Road on the north end of the reservoir, which serves as the state's largest drinking water resource. It took the contractors 18 months to finish the construction project in December. Read more.

Source: Fierce Wireless | Dec. 18, 2019

Sparklight Business Launches Gigabit Internet Service

Phoenix -- Small and medium-sized businesses in Sparklight communities can now enjoy Internet speeds up to 1 gigabit per second with the launch of Sparklight Business' new 1 Gig high-speed Internet plans.

“Gigabit Internet service provides enhanced operational speed for companies involved with server hosting, constant cloud computing, integrated call centers/customer service management systems and much more,” said Chris Boone, Vice President of Business Services for Sparklight. “Teams can stream, share and collaborate via video conference in ultra HD. They can connect each and every device and employee simultaneously – without straining network quality. And they can directly access cloud-based software and virtual desktops with no lag or buffering.” Gigabit Internet service is available throughout the
Sparklight Business footprint.

Sparklight has invested millions of dollars upgrading to an ultra-reliable and fast hybrid fiber-coaxial network in order to bring the latest technology and fastest speeds to its customers. The 1 Gig plan includes download speeds up to 1,000 Mbps and upload speeds up to 50 Mbps. It completes a high-speed Internet portfolio of plans that also feature 25x3; 50x5; 150x15; 300x30 and 500x50 plans in most markets. Read more.  
*Source: Press Release | Dec. 4, 2019*

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**Horizon Cloud Express Provides Direct Connections To Cloud Providers**

Regional fiber broadband carrier Horizon has announced the launch of Horizon Cloud Express, which will enable businesses to connect directly to more than 300 cloud service providers.

Horizon now offers a direct fiber Ethernet connection from a business to their cloud service providers of choice without running the service through the public Internet thanks to the company’s partnership with Megaport, a cloud aggregator and network provider. Megaport’s customers includes more than 300 cloud service providers, such as AWS, Microsoft Azure, Salesforce, Oracle and Google.

By avoiding the public Internet, customers receive faster and more secure connections, Horizon said. Horizon will provision and set up the services through Megaport. The goal is to save customers time and reducing the risks involved when carrying cloud services over a public Internet connection.

“Cloud Express will be the first of many products in our 2020 roadmap,” said Craig Drinkhall, Horizon director of products and sales engineering, in a prepared statement. “We are seeing a huge industry shift in the migration towards Cloud Service Providers and we think now is the perfect time to offer our customers a secure direct connection that most of our competitors don’t have.” Read more

*Source: Telecompetitor | Jan. 6, 2020*

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**Mediacom Communications Surpasses 50,000 Gigabit Broadband Customer Milestone**

Mediacom Park, NY – Mediacom Communications announced the company now has more than 50,000 combined residential and business customers subscribing to its 1-Gig Internet (1,000 megabits per second) service offerings. In 2017, Mediacom began systematically launching gigabit Internet services as part of an aggressive 3-year, $1 billion capital investment strategy. By the end of that same year, Mediacom had become the first major U.S. cable company to launch 1-Gig Internet across its national network.
“The growing popularity of gigabit Internet in our markets is proof positive that our fiber-rich network has become a true economic and social engine for the small cities and towns we serve across America,” said John Pascarelli, Mediacom’s Executive Vice President of Operations. “Whether Mediacom’s network is incubating tech start-ups, supporting telemedicine initiatives, connecting growing businesses to the global marketplace or providing senior citizens with the tools to continue living comfortably in their own homes, we are proud that our private investments have become a catalyst for public good.” Read more.

Source: Press Release | Nov. 14, 2019