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Sprint Expands Broadband Network Coverage in Dauphin County, Pa.

New Equipment Gives Residents in Harrisburg and Beyond Greater Access to America's Most Dependable 3G Network

EDINBURG, Va., Jul 14, 2009 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Shenandoah Telecommunications Company (Shentel), a Sprint PCS affiliate of Sprint Nextel, announced today the addition of a new cell site designed to enhance and expand Dauphin County's access to the power of Sprint, America's most dependable 3G network.¹ The new tower site on South Harrisburg Street in Oberlin went live Friday, June 5th, giving businesses and residents on the south side of Harrisburg additional capacity and expanding network coverage along the Interstate 283 corridor. In March 2009, Shentel added a new antenna atop Holy Spirit Hospital (Senate Avenue) to boost coverage and capacity in the Camp Hill area. Previously, Shentel announced the siting of new towers in Bedford, Camp Hill, Carlisle, Chambersburg, Cumberland, Etters, Fairfield, Gardners, Halifax, Hershey, Lewisberry, Mifflintown, Millerstown, New Bloomfield, New Port, Schaefferstown, Thompsontown and Wiconisco. Collectively, these installations give more Dauphin County residents better access to the nation's premier 3G network.

The Dauphin County implementations are part of a comprehensive effort by Shentel to expand coverage, increase capacity and enhance the quality of its wireless network. Shentel provides Sprint Now Network coverage along the I-81 corridor from Harrisonburg, Va. to Harrisburg, York and Altoona, Pa. In 2009, Shentel is committing over 41% of its \$73 million capital budget to finance the infrastructure investments needed to bring wireless voice and Internet at blazing fast to all its service areas, including previously uncovered regions.

Christopher French, Shentel President and CEO, says, "Expanding and improving wireless broadband coverage in Dauphin County--and all 13 of the Pennsylvania counties we serve--is Shentel's top priority. As proof of this commitment, we have brought 46 new sites online in the last year. Across our entire mid-Atlantic coverage area, Shentel has added 68 new cell sites in the past year and spent over \$34 million in infrastructure improvements. With each installation, thousands of individuals and businesses gain new or improved access to the Sprint network, helping us keep pace with growing consumer demand for mobile broadband services."

About Shenandoah Telecommunications

Shenandoah Telecommunications Company is a holding company that provides a comprehensive portfolio of telecommunications products and services through its operating subsidiaries. The Company is traded on the NASDAQ National Market under the symbol "SHEN." The Company's operating subsidiaries provide local and long distance telephone, Internet and data services, cable television, wireless voice and data services, alarm monitoring, and telecommunications equipment, along with many other associated solutions in the Mid-Atlantic and Southeastern United States. Shentel is the exclusive provider of wireless mobility communications network products and services on the 1900-MHz band from Harrisonburg, Virginia, to Harrisburg, York and Altoona, Pennsylvania. Shenandoah PCS has offered wireless service since 1995 and is a Sprint PCS Affiliate of Sprint Nextel. For more information about Shenandoah Telecommunications Company, please visit www.shentel.com or call 1-800-SHENTEL.

¹"Dependable" based on independent, third-party drive tests for 3G data connection success, session reliability and signal strength for the top 50 most populous markets from January 2008 to February 2009. Not all services available on 3G and coverage may default to separate network when 3G unavailable.

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