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## Sprint Expands Wireless Network Coverage in York County, Pa.

## Infrastructure Investments Bring Sprint Now Network to County Citizens, Even in Remote Areas

EDINBURG, Va., Jun 29, 2009 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Shenandoah Telecommunications Company (Shentel), a Sprint PCS affiliate of Sprint Nextel, announced today the addition of a new antenna designed to enhance and expand broadband mobile network coverage in York County. The new cell site at 16 College Avenue went online Friday, June 5th, giving businesses and

residents of Stewartstown access to the power of Sprint, America's most dependable 3G network.<sup>1</sup> In April 2009, Shentel brought new equipment online along Bull Road in Dover to boost coverage in Dover and Wellsville, and along High Point Road in Felton to bring first-time coverage to the towns of Graydon, Winterstown and Rimely. Previously, Shentel announced the siting of towers in Airville, East Berlin, Mount Wolf, Red Lion, Spring Grove and Thomasville.

The York 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 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 speeds to all its service areas, including previously uncovered regions.

Christopher French, Shentel President and CEO, says, "Expanding and improving wireless broadband coverage in York County--and all 13 of the Pennsylvania counties we serve--are Shentel's top priorities. 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 power of the Sprint network. This access helps us keep pace with growing consumer demand for mobile broadband services."

"Living in a remote area no longer means going without the latest technology," says French. "People can reside where they please and be assured that Shentel will do everything possible to provide them outstanding access and quality of service."

## **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 <u>www.shentel.com</u> 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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