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ASTAC brings faster data speeds to its wireless network across Alaska's North Slope

Anchorage, Alaska – Arctic Slope Telephone Association Cooperative (ASTAC) turned up an LTE site in Point Hope this week and will turn up four additional sites in Utqiagvik, Wainwright and Deadhorse, vastly improving wireless Internet speeds. In October 2017, ASTAC turned up its first three LTE wireless sites in Kuparuk and Deadhorse. It will continue upgrading sites to LTE over the next two years in each of the eight North Slope communities, as well as Deadhorse, Dillingham, Galena, and new coverage along the Dalton Highway.

LTE is part of many people's lives and the ability to utilize and experience the Internet in quicker, richer ways opens new possibilities for both people and businesses. From streaming videos to online classes at universities; oil field analytics to near instantaneous medical information, users will improve how they connect with the world by experiencing data speeds up to eight times faster.

"ASTAC is committed to closing the technology gap across the North Slope to enhance our membership's experiences and improve safety in some of the most remote places in Alaska. LTE is a big part of that and a real game-changer in the region," said Jens Laipenieks, ASTAC CEO/General Manager.

ASTAC provides Broadband Ethernet and Internet, 4G wireless as well as local and long-distance services across the North Slope. Additionally, ASTAC offers a Nomadic WAN and Internet service using the North Slope's only private LTE network covering the oil fields. For more information, visit www.astac.net.

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