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ASTAC Launches Fastest Internet Offering to North Slope

Anchorage, Alaska – Arctic Slope Telephone Association Cooperative Inc. (ASTAC) has announced the launch of the North Slope’s first and only 25/5Mbps (megabits per second) Internet service, called Home Internet 25+.

“Today we are proud to begin the launch of our Home Internet 25+ in Utqiagvik, Wainwright, Point Hope and Nuiqsut,” said Jens Laipenieks, ASTAC CEO/General Manager. “This new offering will provide the speeds needed for families who continue to work and do schooling from home due to the COVID - 19 pandemic.”

Since January 2018, ASTAC has installed over 62 miles of fiber networks connecting almost 2,200 locations to fiber. Eighty-five percent of North Slope residences now have an end-to-end fiber optic broadband connection when coupled with Quintillion’s subsea fiber optic cable network.

“Quintillion is proud to partner with ASTAC to bring fast, reliable and affordable internet to these North Slope communities,” said Quintillion CEO George Tronsrue III. “Our subsea fiber network was built to help improve the lives of rural Alaska residents. These new services will do that and come at a time when they are needed more than ever.”

These new offerings will also have a suspend feature allowing customers to pause and restart their data usage throughout their billing cycle to self-manage their usage. The new Home Internet 25+ plan is \$75 less than our Home Internet¹⁰ plan and customers can save 75% on usage fees if they exceed their data bucket allotment.

The Cooperative has made tremendous technological improvements in its 40 plus years in business. From providing basic landline service, to dial-up Internet, to providing a 25/5Mbps Internet speed in the most northern area of the world, ASTAC will work to continually improve the telecommunications services for its membership.



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ASTAC now meets the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) standard of 25Mbps (download speed) over 3Mbps (upload speed) to ensure rural Americans receive Internet service comparable to those in urban areas.

About ASTAC

ASTAC provides Broadband Ethernet and Internet, LTE 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.

About Quintillion

Quintillion is a private global communications corporation located in Anchorage, AK. Quintillion built and operates a submarine and terrestrial high-speed fiber optic cable system that spans the Alaskan Arctic and connects to the lower-48 using existing networks. The three-phase Quintillion subsea cable system will ultimately connect Asia to the American Pacific Northwest, and to Western Europe via the Northwest Pass through the Alaskan and Canadian Arctic.

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