

Press Release



Hughes Begins Offering Revolutionary HughesNet Gen5 Satellite Internet Service

ANCHORAGE, AK Microcom, the nationally recognized and awarded leader in satellite internet, is happy to announce that on Wednesday, March 16th, HughesNet's EchoStar 19 satellite began to broadcast broadband internet in Southeast Alaska. This 5th generation of satellite internet will provide unprecedented internet speeds to areas once deemed unserviceable, and will revolutionize the way Alaskans can connect with each other and the rest of the world.

For over four years Microcom has been working closely with Hughes to make sure that EchoStar 19 and their HughesNet Gen5 service would be able to accommodate areas in Alaska, and their cooperation has resulted in groundbreaking levels of both speed and availability in the region. Communities throughout the Alaskan Panhandle will now have access to Federal Communications Commission (FCC) defined broadband speeds – 25 Mbps download and 3Mbps uploads – which are over 10 times faster than the previous 3rd generation service.

This service will have an immense effect on the way Alaskans can communicate. These faster speeds will provide consumers with a more reliable, accessible, and functional internet experience, connecting them in ways that were once impossible. Additional benefits that come with the HughesNet Gen5 service include:

- 10 to 50 GB/month of data
- Built-in Wi-Fi to connect wireless devices
- No hard data limits* – if monthly plan data is exceeded, service continues at a reduced speed until the next billing cycle
- Video Data Saver to watch more videos using less data
- Bonus Zone – 50 GB of free data per month to use during off-peak hours (2 a.m.-8 a.m.)

We are thrilled to provide this service, and are excited to see our communities flourish and grow with the help of Microcom and HughesNet Gen5.

ABOUT MICROCOM

Microcom has been leading the way in satellite communications in Alaska, Hawaii, and now in Idaho and Colorado for more than 30 years. Their years of dedication to customer service and competition have allowed all multi-channel video consumers in these states to see a benefit from their work. Microcom is proud of its innovative solutions to their customers' communications needs, which have resulted in many "firsts" in the satellite industry. Call on Microcom to solve your satellite communication needs.