



ViaSat II Satellite Reaches New Milestone On Its Journey to Orbit

ANCHORAGE, AK Microcom is proud to report that the ViaSat-2 communications satellite has reached another landmark milestone on its journey into orbit. This exciting development brings it one step closer to delivering revolutionary internet speeds – up to four times faster than its predecessor – to the people of Idaho and the world.

Less than a month after its successful launch out of French Guiana, ViaSat-2 has completed the chemical propulsion phase of its trip and deployed its solar arrays. With the solar arrays in place, it will now utilize electric power to push itself towards its intended geostationary orbit.

From its final position above the Eastern seaboard, ViaSat-2 will be able to deliver high speed internet to the entire continental U.S., as well as service key travel routes in the Atlantic. Mark Dankberg, chairman and CEO of ViaSat, had this to say:

“We are working closely with Boeing to oversee the ViaSat-2 journey in space and monitoring the satellite maneuvers to ensure it’s ready for service by early 2018.”

While this is just one of the many complex steps ViaSat-2 must complete, it is an important milestone that reminds us of its incredible journey and inevitable destination. Soon, communities throughout Idaho, Washington, and the world will have access to unprecedented internet speeds and availability, connecting these communities like never before.

Microcom is excited to be partnered with ViaSat at this pivotal moment, and even more excited for the revolutionary internet services that they will be able to provide the community in the coming months. ViaSat-2 is expected to double the bandwidth capacity and provide seven times the broadband coverage of its predecessor. It is also projected to deliver internet speeds up to 100 Mbps, dwarfing the current top speeds of 25 Mbps. Its unmatched broadband capacity will also allow for much higher, if not unlimited, data caps.

These exciting developments will offer citizens of Northern Idaho more competitive options in terms of internet access, resulting in better affordability and further innovation. It’s an exciting time for the satellite industry, and Microcom is proud to work with ViaSat to be at the forefront of it.

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