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Pine Belt Wireless Introduces 3G Mobile Services: Initial phase brings service to parts of Marengo, Choctaw, Dallas and Wilcox Counties. 50 Years of commitment to local area continues with plans for future phases.

ARLINGTON, AL (December 14, 2009) - Pine Belt Wireless has completed the first phase of its QuickSpeed 3G Mobile and WiFi Gateway high speed wireless internet access project. The project will eventually bring high speed internet access to more areas than any other provider in a five West Alabama county area including Wilcox, Perry, Choctaw, Marengo and Dallas. "No other cellular carrier in the region has the signal strength or number of towers that Pine Belt Wireless does," commented Pine Belt President, John C. Nettles. "We are now on a mission to use our extensive network to bring the internet to areas where only dial up is available as well as provide customers an alternative to DSL and other forms of fixed station services," Nettles continued.

Pine Belt's QuickSpeed 3G Mobile and WiFi Gateway service will provide customers with download speeds of up to 3 Mbps, 50 times faster than dialup and comparable to landline DSL, with the added benefit of not having to be tied to one location. With Pine Belt's QuickSpeed 3G service, customers will be able to access the Internet through their cell phone. Wireless routers and modems are also available that will connect most laptop and desktop computers to the internet as well. Brian Horton, Pine Belt's Plant Operations Manager, has overseen build out of the extensive infrastructure required to offer these services and

commented, "Pine Belt is focused 100 percent on providing the best possible internet access to everyone we serve. It's not always an easy job and it requires a lot of time and even more money, but that's what we are here for, that's what we're doing and that's what we plan to continue doing for a long time to come. We are doing all this to try to make a profit, of course, but just as much we're also doing it for the betterment of the area. Like our customers, this is our home too and we want to see the area progress. So, we're working as hard as we know how to help the area move forward by keeping up with today's rapidly changing technologies."

Communities served in Phase I include parts of Selma and Valley Grande, Linden, Demopolis, Providence, Thomaston, Butler, Arlington, Mt. Sterling, Myrtlewood, Pennington, Toxey, Red Springs and Pine Hill. Phase II equipment deployments, currently scheduled to begin in March 2010, will cover Marion and Heiberger in Perry County, Camden and Yellow Bluff in Wilcox County and Burnsville in east Dallas County plus additional sections of Selma and surrounding areas. Other deployment phases are planned for the balance of 2010 and beyond, the intent of which is to provide coverage to all of the inhabited areas of Pine Belt's licensed area as soon as possible.

According to Nettles, Pine Belt was " ... the first to bring basic telephone service to several parts of Wilcox and Marengo County when the company started building lines over 50 years ago. We were local pioneers in bringing cellular service to the region almost 20 years ago when we helped form a partnership with several other independently owned companies and later started our own cellular operation, Pine Belt Wireless, in 1993. Today we continue to provide landline services to parts of Wilcox and

Marengo counties and cellular services to all of Dallas, Perry, Wilcox, Marengo & Choctaw Counties. So, when it comes to the 3G data services, it's sort of like we're doing it all over again by being one of the first to bring it to some of the areas that are easily overlooked by the big publicly owned companies - in spite of how much money these companies spend on national advertising campaigns designed to make you think they care. Most people don't realize that, over the years, Pine Belt has invested over \$20 million in telecommunications infrastructure in the area and is continually developing its local expertise specifically focused on trying to understand our communities and meet their telecommunications needs."

Kevin Grass, Pine Belt's Director of Marketing & Sales, added "If you want to know about telephone and internet services around here, come talk to us. Our company is built on home grown ideas and principles. We know how to put the latest technology to the best use here at home even if we don't have the excess budget for a lot of TV commercials and fancy mail-out materials. And furthermore, we're doing it all without any government grants or stimulus bail-out money."

Pine Belt Wireless is a family owned and operated company with deep roots in Marengo, Wilcox, Dallas, Perry and Choctaw Counties. The company is a sister to Pine Belt Telephone Company which has been providing landline based services to Arlington, Dixons Mills, Sweet Water and Nanafalia for over 50 years. The company was founded by Dr. James D. (Buddy) Nettles in 1958 and remains family owned and 100% dedicated to the needs of the citizens of this area.

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