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Great Plains Communications assists Advanced Communications Technology (ACT) and Hurricane Electric in their quest to bring highly-anticipated Tier One access to Wyoming

October 19, 2016 (Blair, Neb.) - Great Plains Communications, the largest middle-mile and last-mile provider in Nebraska has partnered with full-service communications solutions provider, ACT to transport the global Hurricane Electric network into the ACT Data Center in Cheyenne, Wyoming. This new point of presence (POP) makes Hurricane Electric the first and only Tier One network provider in the Wyoming area.

The transport took place over the Great Plains Communications diverse fiber route from Nebraska to Cheyenne, Wyoming. This is just one of several unique, low-latency routes on the 8,000-mile Great Plains Communications network.

“Local businesses, ISPs and other network providers have been patiently awaiting the arrival of Tier One connectivity,” Said Todd Foje, CEO of Great Plains Communications. “We were pleased to work with ACT who has been a diligent advocate for this level of connectivity in Wyoming. The partnership was a good fit, opening up Wyoming to the world and the world to Wyoming.”

This new Wyoming connectivity will allow regional enterprise customers, service providers, and carrier customers across these networks access to Hurricane Electric’s global IPv4 and IPv6 network, access to the diverse Great Plains Communications routes to Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Nebraska, South Dakota, and of course, the ACT Wyoming and Montana footprint with handoffs scaling from 1 Gigabit to 100 Gigabit.

“The presence of a major Tier One such as Hurricane Electric in ACT’s footprint, combined with the expansive network Great Plains Communications offers, brings a world of opportunities to Wyoming and the surrounding region,” said Advanced Communications Technology (ACT) General Manager, Aaron Sopko. “The partnership established with Great Plains Communications adds a tremendous amount of diversity to our network, opening new routes and opportunities through Wyoming and the surrounding states in the region. We look forward to working with them to bring a whole new level of connectivity to the area.”

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About Great Plains Communications

Great Plains Communications is the largest privately owned telecommunications provider in Nebraska. At the core of their service offering is an extensive, 8,000+ mile regional fiber network with community access rings, last-mile and middle-mile solutions, fully supported by their 24x7x365 Network Operations Center. The company is financially strong with a 106-year history of providing reliable and innovative solutions. Great Plains Communications prides itself on their progressive approach to accommodating the unique needs of all regional and national telecommunications carriers, LECs, ISPs, wireless carriers and other service providers utilizing superior custom engineering and custom build strategies. For more information, go to www.gpcom.com.

About Advanced Communications Technology, Inc.

Advanced Communications Technology, Inc. (ACT) is a full service communications solutions provider headquartered in Sheridan, Wyoming.

ACT, a wholly owned subsidiary of Range Telephone Cooperative has been offering next generation services and high-quality bandwidth solutions throughout Wyoming and Montana since 1997. In addition to the advanced solutions ACT offers as a Competitive Local Exchange Carrier in Wyoming, the company has focused recent efforts on growing a regional network. Today the company's 1,400 mile fiber-optic network spans the entire state with connections to state-wide networks in Montana, South Dakota, Colorado, and Nebraska. All of this, coupled with ACT's involvement in INDATEL allows for diverse, unique routes to anywhere in the country. Through this network ACT is capable of offering enterprise customers, small and large, top quality high bandwidth solutions for most any application, including mobile backhaul, tier 1 connectivity, gigabit Internet services and more.

ACT offers a full suite of state-of-the-art communications services such as Broadband Internet, IP transport, wavelength, dark fiber, and next generation voice services. For more information about Advanced Communications Technology, Inc., please visit www.actaccess.net.

About Hurricane Electric

Fremont, California-based Hurricane Electric operates its own global IPv4 and IPv6 network and is considered the largest IPv6 and IPv6 backbone in the world as measured by number of networks connected. Within its global network, Hurricane Electric is connected to 137 major exchange points and exchanges traffic directly with more than 5,600 different networks. Employing a resilient fiber-optic topology, Hurricane Electric has no less than four redundant paths crossing North America, three separate paths between the U.S. and Europe, and rings in Europe and Asia.

In addition to its vast global network, Hurricane Electric owns and operates two data centers in Fremont, California, including Fremont 2, its newest 208,000 square foot facility. Hurricane Electric offers IPv4 and IPv6 transit solutions over the same connection at speeds including 10 Gbps and 100 Gbps Ethernet.

For more information on Hurricane Electric, please *visit* <http://he.net>.

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