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## **GVTC LAUNCHES 40 MBPS BROADBAND SERVICE**

*New offering is the fastest Internet access in South Texas*

*The service leverages GVTC's world class fiber-to-the-home network*

SMITHSON VALLEY, Dec. 15, 2009 — GVTC Communications, building on the strength of its world class fiber-to-the-home network, has launched blazing 40 Mbps Internet service, the fastest broadband speed available in South Texas.

The service is available today to any of the 31,000 residential and businesses lots connected to GVTC's all-fiber network. The company is spending \$35 million to extend its next-generation fiber infrastructure to 80 percent of its customers across Far North San Antonio, Boerne, Bulverde and other Hill Country and Southeast Texas communities.

“We’re providing the Internet speeds that users are demanding right now, and we have positioned ourselves to deliver the speeds they’ll be demanding well into the future,” said Tom Zanolli, product manager-Internet. “Whether networking their homes, streaming video, playing online games or just surfing the Web, consumers are using more bandwidth — and through our fiber-to-the-home network, GVTC is in the position to deliver it.”

Increasingly, consumers use broadband connections for high-bandwidth applications like accessing HD video, playing online games and working remotely from home. Many connect multiple home computers and media devices to a single network connection, sharing it between users.

With GVTC's new 40 Mbps service, customers will be able to download a standard-definition movie (2 GB) in less than a minute. The service's 10 Mbps upload speed will let users share large media files, from digital photo albums to complex business presentations, in just seconds.

GVTC offers residential 40 Mbps broadband service for prices as low as \$89.95 monthly as part of a bundled package. A business version of the service is available for as low as \$209.95 monthly as part of a bundle with a term contract.

Rival communications providers utilize older copper wires for the "last mile" of their networks, choking their ability to offer comparable speeds. Many also have a shared network infrastructure, meaning users' speeds slow as additional people in their neighborhood log on.

In contrast, GVTC's fiber lines are dedicated, meaning the company delivers broadband speeds on a constant basis. Unlike some providers, the company doesn't rely on marketing gimmicks like speed "bursts" to deliver a fast connection.

GVTC's fiber-to-the-home technology will allow the company to offer even faster Internet speeds in the near future, Zanolli said. Through its network, GVTC can offer virtually unlimited bandwidth as demand grows.

"Our fiber network lets consumers 'future proof' their homes, readying them for whatever online technologies evolve in the coming years," Zanolli said. "As homeowners increasingly connect electronic gear, appliances, security and climate-control devices to the Internet, GVTC can help them enjoy life in the wired house of the future."

### *About GVTC*

GVTC is a full-service communications provider offering high-speed Internet, digital cable TV, phone service and home security monitoring across 2,000 square miles of South Central Texas. GVTC was the first company in the region to deploy fiber-to-the-home technology and through its next-generation fiber network offers the area's fastest Internet speeds. The company has been twice included on *Broadband Properties* magazine's list of top 100 broadband providers, recognized by the *San Antonio Express-News* as a top employer and named recipient of the Fiber-to-the-Home Council's 2008 Chairman's Award.

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