



## Hughes Announces HughesNet Gen4: Next-Generation Satellite Internet Service

**Fourth-generation network delivers greater download capacity, faster performance, and support for high-bandwidth, media-rich applications**

**Visit Hughes at CES (Central Hall #14135) for hands-on demonstration**

GERMANTOWN, Md., Jan. 4, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- [Hughes Network Systems](#), LLC (HUGHES), the global leader in broadband satellite solutions and services, and the leading satellite Internet provider, today announced [HughesNet® Gen4](#)—the next-generation of its satellite Internet service that will bring faster speeds, greater download capacity, and a richer Internet experience to millions of consumers.

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HughesNet Gen4 is built upon a network of high-capacity satellites, ground technology, and in-home devices tightly integrated to deliver high performance and continuous, reliable service. The extensive Gen4 satellite network will deliver the industry's greatest download capacity, giving consumers the ability to enjoy music, voice, video, and other media-rich applications.

The road to Gen4 has already begun. Over the past several months, Hughes has made enhancements to the HughesNet service to improve customers' browsing and download experience including introducing new features such as larger download allowances and the ability to bank unused daily data allowances for future use.

"America's best choice in satellite Internet is about to get even better with the launch of our new high-capacity satellite in the first half of 2012," said Mike Cook, senior vice president of the North American Division at Hughes. "Our Gen4 satellite Internet service will be available mid-year 2012 and will deliver unprecedented speeds, download capacity, and ease-of-use so our customers can enjoy a media-rich world like never before."

Since the summer of 2011, Hughes has increased the download allowance of the HughesNet service by 1.5 Gbytes per month, while the maximum download speed has been increased by 25 percent, enabling existing customers to experience better video, music, image download, and voice capabilities, among other performance benefits.

With the new service capabilities, customers will gain a ten-fold increase in network capacity and extensive nationwide coverage, keeping them connected to the world from wherever they choose to live and work.

At the CES show, Hughes will be demonstrating the features and applications of HughesNet Gen4 in the Central Hall exhibit booth #14135. Experience for yourself what HughesNet Gen4 will bring to consumers throughout the U.S. in the very near future.

To keep abreast of what's happening with HughesNet Gen4, please visit [hughesnet.com/gen4](http://hughesnet.com/gen4).

For Media and Analysts, if you're interested in speaking with a Hughes executive at CES, please contact Jeff Aubin at [jaubin@brodeur.com](mailto:jaubin@brodeur.com) or 603-559-5838 to schedule an appointment.

### About Hughes Network Systems

Hughes Network Systems, LLC (Hughes) is the world's leading provider of satellite broadband for home and office, delivering innovative network technologies, managed services, and solutions for enterprises and governments globally. HughesNet® is the #1 high-speed satellite Internet service in the marketplace, with offerings to suit every budget. To date, Hughes has shipped more than 2.5 million systems to customers in over 100 countries, representing over 50 percent market share. Its products employ global standards approved by the TIA, ETSI and ITU organizations, including IPoS/DVB-S2, RSM-A, and GMR-1.

Headquartered outside Washington, D.C., in Germantown, Maryland, USA, Hughes operates sales and support offices worldwide, and is a wholly owned subsidiary of EchoStar Corporation (NASDAQ: SATS), a premier global provider of satellite operations and digital TV solutions. For additional information about Hughes, please visit [www.hughes.com](http://www.hughes.com).

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