

Hughes Announces HughesNet Gen5 High-Speed Satellite Internet Service

First Satellite Internet Service to Deliver 25 Mbps Download Speeds Coast-to-Coast Across the U.S.

WASHINGTON, March 7, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- <u>Hughes Network Systems, LLC</u> (HUGHES), the global leader in broadband satellite networks and services, today announced <u>HughesNet[®] Gen5</u>, the first and only U.S. satellite Internet service to offer Federal Communications Commission (FCC) defined broadband speeds - 25 Mbps download and 3 Mbps uploads - from coast-to-coast.



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When it goes live on March 16, 2017, HughesNet Gen5 will deliver faster speeds, more data, and built-in Wi-Fi for consumers and small businesses across the entire continental U.S. and key areas within Alaska. HughesNet Gen5 will be powered by the Hughes JUPITER™ System, the most widely deployed satellite networking platform globally, operating over EchoStar XIX, the world's highest-capacity broadband satellite, as well as EchoStar XVII currently in orbit.

"As the industry leader, Hughes continues to invest in technological innovations to deliver an ever enhanced Internet experience for our rapidly growing customer base," said Pradman Kaul, president, Hughes. "HughesNet Gen5 builds on the success of America's #1 satellite Internet service—with over 1 million subscribers, and rated by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) as the nation's leading ISP in delivering on advertised speeds (ref: "2016 Measuring Broadband in America" report)—bringing the many benefits of high-speed Internet to people everywhere across America, no matter where they live or work."

HughesNet Gen5 is available in a variety of affordable consumer and business plans to suit customer's specific requirements, featuring from 10 to 250 GB/month of data, and all with download speeds of 25 Mbps and upload speeds of 3 Mbps. Additional features include:

- Built-in Wi-Fi to connect wireless devices
- No hard data limits if monthly plan data is exceeded, service continues at a reduced speed until the next billing cycle
- Video Data Saver to watch more videos using less data
- Bonus Zone 50 GB of free data per month to use during off-peak hours (2 a.m.-8 a.m.)

HughesNet is available through a nationwide network of dealers and sales agents, as well as directly through www.HughesNet.com.

About Hughes Network Systems

Hughes Network Systems, LLC (HUGHES) is the global leader in broadband satellite technology and services for home and office. Its flagship high-speed satellite Internet service is HughesNet®, the world's largest satellite network with over 1 million residential and business customers across North America and Brazil. For large enterprises and governments, the company's HughesON® managed network services provide complete connectivity solutions employing an optimized mix of satellite and terrestrial technologies. The JUPITER™ System is the world's most widely deployed High-Throughput Satellite (HTS) platform, operating on more than 20 satellites by leading service providers, delivering a wide range of broadband enterprise, mobility and cellular backhaul applications. To date, Hughes has shipped more than 5.5 million terminals to customers in over 100 countries, representing approximately 50 percent market share, and its technology is powering broadband services to aircraft around the world.

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. For additional information about Hughes, please visit www.hughes.com and follow @Hughes Corp on Twitter.

About EchoStar

EchoStar Corporation (NASDAQ: SATS) is a premier global provider of satellite communication solutions. Headquartered in Englewood, Colo., and conducting business around the globe, EchoStar is a pioneer in secure communications technologies through its Hughes Network Systems and EchoStar Satellite Services business segments. For more information, visit echostar.com. Follow echostar.com. Follow echostar.com. Follow echostar.com.

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