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Rostelecom Selects Hughes Technology to Provide Broadband Satellite Services in Russia

*Largest Russian international and long-distance operator chooses flexible HX System
over other wireless and satellite alternatives*

Germantown, Md., May 12, 2010—Hughes Network Systems, LLC (HUGHES), the world's leading provider of broadband satellite networks and services, announced today that Rostelecom, Russia's largest international and long-distance operator, has purchased its HX System to provide a variety of broadband communications services in the Federation's far east region. The contract was awarded to Hughes over alternative satellite and terrestrial wireless solution suppliers.

The HX System was chosen as the ideal solution that satisfied Rostelecom's requirements, in particular, for its flexibility in configuring both multiple star and mesh networking topologies. The comprehensive Hughes solution is comprised of an HX Gateway operating in Khabarovsk, with multiple remote HX200 broadband data routers for star applications and HX260 mesh routers for mixed voice and data services.

Services include the provision of broadband satellite Internet access, high-speed data, videoconferencing, and telephony (PSTN) to government agencies, local authorities, corporations, and small and medium enterprises.

"Our HX mesh solution is ideally suited to match Rostelecom's requirements," said Dr. Arunas Sleky, vice president and general manager, Russia/CIS at Hughes. "Its high performance, configuration flexibility, and affordability enable Rostelecom's Far Eastern Branch to provide quality broadband services to government agencies and businesses that would not be cost-effective or feasible with terrestrial fixed, wireless, or other satellite solutions."

The project was implemented with ARD-Satcom Service, a successful Russian system integrator, and the first that Hughes and ARD-Satcom Service have implemented together.

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