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**Progress on SCS Broadband Projects in Pittsylvania and Halifax Counties**

**Chatham, VA (May 24th, 2018)** – In 2017, Pittsylvania County and Halifax County entered into agreements with SCS Broadband Internet Services, a subsidiary of AcelaNet, LLC, to build networks in their respective communities for delivering affordable high-speed broadband. Both communities are part of the Central Broadband Project developed by SCS Broadband in 2015.

As neighboring localities pursuing the same goals, Pittsylvania and Halifax County are working together to fully utilize assets in each county to better serve both communities. As wireless broadband knows no physical boundaries, vertical assets in each community can be located as needed to build a stronger network and serve a larger area of both communities.

SCS Broadband has also invested in the region by hiring a Regional Operations Manager to provide focused management, along with resources in manpower and support, to get the job accomplished in accordance with the estimated project timeline. Jared Noel is the Operations Manager for the Southern Region, which includes Halifax and Pittsylvania Counties. Under his supervision, a 30-day status reporting system for Pittsylvania and Halifax County has been implemented, along with continuous updates on project status via the SCS website <https://scsbroadband.com/county-status/>.

The winter weather of 2017 / 2018 and a severe flu season greatly reduced the number of tower climbing days available for SCS Broadband and other companies involved in such work. SCS Broadband remains not only fully compliant with all OSHA requirements for safety, but also recently won the "2017 Tower Climber Safety Award", from Tower One Training.

Pittsylvania County entered into a three-year tower lease agreement with SCS Broadband that allows the service provider to place equipment in the towers owned by the County. The goal is to provide wireless broadband service to up to 75% of the County. Work on the project launched in Spring of 2017 and the original project timeline was between six and nine months, with service being available for certain residents within three to four months. The timeline included a gradual activation of towers, with White Oak Mountain tower scheduled to go live first. However, immediately after the County entered into a tower lease agreement with SCS Broadband, new LTE equipment was released into the market that had higher strength than the previous generation. The County made the conscientious decision to sacrifice time for better equipment. While this decision greatly delayed the project's implementation, it prevented the company from installing outdated equipment that would need to be replaced within 6 months.

The White Oak Mountain Tower went live in October 2017 and SCS Broadband is now serving around 100 households from that tower with 10-50Mbps internet service. The second tower to go live is the Mt. Airy Tower, and that is expected to happen before the end of June 2018, depending upon the weather. SCS Broadband has created a Pittsylvania County project page that provides detailed project timelines and is updated every 15 days. It may be accessed here: <https://scsbroadband.com/pittsylvania-details/>.

In 2017, Halifax County contracted with SCS Broadband to develop a plan for broadband implementation and subsequently contracted with SCS to begin building the proposed network. In the interim, SCS Broadband has been diligently working on leasing towers in the county for the project and identifying areas that will require additional vertical assets on which to hang the wireless equipment. Updates for the Halifax project may be accessed here: <https://scsbroadband.com/halifax-details/>.

SCS Broadband has been an Internet Service Provider business for over 12 years, and the company's goal is to help rural Virginia citizens to achieve the educational, business and social needs which the Internet provides. SCS Broadband is in the process of loading the most recent broadband LTE and other supporting equipment on multiple towers throughout the county. The Internet Services industry still presents many untapped opportunities for companies such as SCS Broadband. SCS Broadband is a nimble company, which allows them to enter our limited market. "We are ramping up our deployment activities to fulfill the growing needs of our customers, and the installation schedule will be expedited in Pittsylvania County," said Clay Stewart, Chief Operations Officer.

## **About SCS Broadband**

Founded in 2005, SCS Broadband is the Wireless and Fiber Internet Service Provider for ten Central Virginia Counties. The company successfully deployed and manages low-cost, quality service in rural communities with limited broadband. The company's mission is to continue to expand service and bridge the Digital Divide where technically possible in rural Virginia. The company currently serves from Surry County to Bedford County, and from Pittsylvania to Spotsylvania Counties. For more information about SCS Broadband, visit its website at [scsbroadband.com](http://scsbroadband.com).

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