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## **Gorge Networks turns up first Fiber to the Home Customer**

Hood River, OR—After three years of continuous work on a city-wide fiber network Gorge Networks has turned-up its first residential Fiber to the Home (FTTH) customer this month. Two new residential developments in Hood River can now access infrastructure that provides internet speeds of up to 1 Gigabyte (download and upload).

The new service comes with a life-line voice service and boasts download speeds 20 times faster than technologies like DSL or cable, and 100 times faster upload.

For the past three years Gorge Networks has worked to successfully deploy over ten miles of fiber throughout Hood River. It first aimed to turn up business customers in the Port and downtown areas on uber-high speed connections, and after a successful push in the business community is now able to provide the service to more densely populated residential areas.

“When I learned about the fiber optic connection from gorge.net I honestly didn't realize the impact it would have on my daily life. As most of us do, I use my home computer for running my business, having multiple programs running at a time, downloading pictures and downloading virtual tours. I thought my computer was to blame for its slow connection and freezing up. But with my new FTTH connection my PC has new life, it runs like I just took her out of the box! Everything I do is instantaneous! Not to mention my smart TV can go between music and movies with absolutely no buffering at all, I'm over the moon!” Suzette – Realtor, and Happy Gorge Networks FTTH Customer.

“Fiber internet service doesn't just mean faster speeds for our customers or more business for us. It has a positive impact on economic development it is attractive for startups and new business to locate here. It is also perfect for people with high usage needs working from their homes. Our hope is that our fiber infrastructure will provide better quality of life and create more ways for people to live and work in the Gorge successfully.” said Dan Bubb, President of Gorge Networks.

The phone and internet company plans to continue fiber deployment in newly developed residential areas throughout Hood River in order to expand their fiber service offering. Phase two of FTTH work will also include assessment of expanding fiber infrastructure to existing residential service areas. For more information on availability of Fiber to the Home services contact their Sales Department at (541) 386-8300.

Founded in 1994, Gorge Networks has become one of the premiere service providers in the Northwest. We have grown to be the local service provider of choice for businesses and residents of the mid-Columbia area. We offer a complete suite of voice, data and telecom services by leveraging our enterprise class voice and data network. Our local customer service is unparalleled in the industry and is what separates us from the rest.