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SILKE'S NEW NETWORK BRIDGE TO ALLOW EXPANSION OF SEAMLESS PUSH-TO-TALK COVERAGE FROM "CANADA TO MEXICO"

Eugene, OR – Silke Communications has deployed a system network bridge that will enable push-to-talk radio users access to its proprietary FleetNet™ Digital network from "Canada to Mexico." The bridge will allow FleetNet™ Digital customers to access partner systems – allowing for communication over large geographical areas, including the 10 major western metro areas.

The network bridge makes use of links between existing radio networks, and by using interconnections Silke already owns, customers will experience significant gains in coverage. "The vast majority of our current customers are fully served without this bridge," says President Jim Silke, Jr. "But there are many radio users out there who have been waiting for a more regional solution. We've had our eye on helping to solve that problem. The network bridge – in combination with partnerships with other NXDN (NEXEDGE) carriers – is the answer."

In some cases, Silke will be linking other providers into its network in a reciprocal use arrangement. "The network bridge will be of value to other providers, too," explains Silke. "There are definitely users out there, waiting for high quality, complete west coast coverage."

Silke's FleetNet™ Digital system is a push-to-talk NXDN-based Wide Area Network built out on more than 25 northwest sites. Users include commercial fleets, schoolbus and people transport, facilities maintenance, hospitality, tourism, agriculture and industrial users. "Basically, any time you have one person speaking to many, that's where push-to-talk and FleetNet are a benefit," says Silke. FleetNet™ allows for single user-to-single user communication as well.

Silke is western Oregon and southwest Washington's leading supplier of wireless radio solutions and communication tower services and spectrum. It provides a full range of services, from site construction, maintenance and operation, to delivery of VHF, UHF, 800 Mhz, conventional and LTR networks. Silke also sells and maintains a wide range of wireless radio systems, including Harris and Kenwood.

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