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## PARTNERSHIP BRINGS NEW HIGH-SPEED INTERNET ACCESS TO COUNTY

### COUNTY'S INTERNET INITIATIVE MOVES FORWARD

Fairview, IN (Monday, May 4, 2009) – A community partnership has added new high-speed internet access to the Fairview area in Switzerland County. The Switzerland County Economic Development Commission has partnered with the City of Rising Sun and the Patriot Municipal Water Company to make the service available.

The new service will extend coverage in northern Switzerland County. “If you live within seven aerial miles of Fairview, it is worth the free test to see if you are within the service range,” said Marty Dennis of Rising Sun Municipal Utilities. Rising Sun Municipal Utilities began providing broadband service to the City of Rising Sun in 2005. Since that time, they have grown to cover most of Ohio County.

The Switzerland County Economic Development Commission provided equipment to allow Rising Sun’s wireless internet service to be carried into Switzerland County. Tower space to mount the equipment was provided by The Patriot Water Company on their Fairview water tower.

Switzerland County’s 2004 Economic Development Strategy called for the community to develop a strategy to deploy affordable high-speed internet to as much of Switzerland County as possible. In May of 2005, a Broadband Advisory Group was formed to develop the strategy. The first wireless internet transmission equipment was installed under the project in 2007. “We started in the areas where we found the highest demand and no internet available,” said Jon Bond of the Switzerland County Economic Development Corporation. “Our goal is to announce more locations soon.”

Residents who are interested in the service and live in the service area can contact Ohio River Valley Communications (ORVComm) at (812) 438-3616 or visit ORVComm’s website at [www.orvcomm.com](http://www.orvcomm.com) for more information.

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*Photo Caption: Wireless internet equipment installed on the Patriot Water Company’s Fairview Tower. The equipment was funded by the Switzerland County Economic Development Commission.*