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HIGH-SPEED INTERNET ACCESS EXPANDED IN SWITZERLAND COUNTY

Moorefield, IN (Monday, June 1, 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 into northeast Switzerland County. 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. "The hills and valleys in Switzerland County make transmitting wireless internet a challenge," said Jon Bond of the Switzerland County Economic Development Corporation. "We have to do a lot of research before expanding the service into a new area."

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 for more information.

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