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WestLink Expands Wireless Coverage in Southwest Kansas

(Ulysses, Kansas.) After a steady schedule of construction over the summer months, Pioneer Communications is now in the final stages of activating a series of new towers and antennas to provide improved signal and an extended network coverage area for WestLink wireless customers in southwestern Kansas.

Engineers from Pioneer have completed enhancements to six of the existing WestLink cell sites in the area and erected eight new towers, with two additional towers to be completed later this year. The new tower locations are all located within the Pioneer telephone exchange area including new sites in Morton, Stevens, Grant, Stanton, Hamilton, Haskell, and Kearny Counties.

“With the completion of these new sites, Pioneer's WestLink network provides the most complete coverage in southwestern Kansas,” explained Bill Hayden, Pioneer Communications' Director of Wireless Operations. “Utilizing world-leading GSM/EDGE technology, WestLink's voice and data services will effectively extend to provide coverage from fencepost to fencepost across the service area, while also enhancing signal strength to allow wireless signals to better penetrate structures for improved in-vehicle and in-building coverage.”

Together with improved coverage for voice service, WestLink's wireless network provides text and multimedia messaging and wireless mobile data services at speeds approaching 220 kilobits per second. With WestLink's wide array of available mobile devices, customers can utilize "Walkman" phones that allow download and playback of MP3 music and videos, and “smart” phones that enable Microcoft Office document functionality and full mobile e-mail and Internet access in a sleek and small form factor that fits within the palm of the hand.

In conjunction with the newly expanded coverage area, WestLink has introduced a set of affordable wireless service plans designed exclusively for individuals, families and businesses in the Pioneer service area. All of WestLink's wireless plans, phones and accessories are available at local Pioneer Communications offices in Hugoton, Johnson City, Lakin, Satanta, Scott City, Syracuse and Ulysses.

As an additional benefit to WestLink wireless customers, Pioneer Communications has also introduced a service discount for Pioneer High-speed Internet service. WestLink customers in the Pioneer service area with a post-paid wireless service account will also receive a \$15.00 per month discount on their high-speed Internet service, which amounts to an annual savings of up to \$180.00 per year.

As a subsidiary of Pioneer Communications, WestLink is locally owned and operated. In addition to network coverage and customer service offices in southwestern Kansas, WestLink also features sales and service locations across the state in Garden City, Dodge City, Hays, Great Bend, Hutchinson, Salina and Manhattan. More information about WestLink's wireless network and services is available at Pioneer Communications' website at www.pioncomm.net.

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WestLink's wide selection of mobile devices includes the HTC S620 "smart" phone (pictured left), which offers Windows Mobile computing, multimedia messaging, and wireless e-mail and Internet access, and the Sony Ericsson W580i "Walkman" with mobile e-mail and Internet access, two megapixel camera, and a fully featured MP3 player.