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**GVTC completes deal to offer broadband service throughout entire service area**

SMITHSON VALLEY, (January 26, 2015) — Every customer in GVTC’s 2,000 square mile service area now has access to a broadband connection no matter how secluded they live. A partnership with satellite broadband provider, Exede®, brought GVTC a cost effective solution to bring Internet access to its most rural customers. Before the agreement with Exede®, GVTC was able to deliver broadband service to approximately 98 percent of its customer base. The GVTC Exede service closes the broadband gap for GVTC’s most rural customers.

“This initiative by GVTC fulfills my pledge announced at our 2013 Annual Meeting to deliver broadband access to every one of our customers, regardless of their remote location,” GVTC President and CEO Ritchie Sorrells said. “GVTC’s partnership with Exede® lets all of our rural customers to enjoy Internet speeds available in larger metropolitan areas.”

Approximately 2,000 customers will be eligible for the GVTC Exede service with a 12 Mbps connection speed. Plans for GVTC Exede start at \$49.95 with no installation fees. GVTC is in the process of contacting eligible customers directly to let them know about the service.

Exede® delivers high-speed Internet to more than 285,000 subscribers across the U.S. Powered by ViaSat-1, the world’s highest-capacity satellite uses spot-beam technology to cover approximately 80 percent of the U.S. population.

**About GVTC:**

GVTC is a full-service communications provider offering high-speed Internet, digital cable TV, phone and interactive home security monitoring to residential and business customers. GVTC is the first to deliver 1 Gbps Internet speeds to more than 40,000 customers in areas of far north San Antonio, the Texas Hill Country and South Central Texas. In June 2014, the company formed the GVTC GigaRegion® with the cities of Boerne, Bulverde and Gonzales. Through this unique partnership, GVTC and the GigaRegion® cities will proactively market gigabit availability, along with the attributes of each city, to generate economic development for the area.

GVTC has received numerous awards for business excellence. Among the honors is being selected a *Broadband Communities Magazine*, Top 100 Broadband Provider, seven consecutive years. The company was also selected as the winner of the 2014 Broadband Vision Awards as a service provider. The *San Antonio Express-News* and *San Antonio Business Journal* have also recognized GVTC as an exemplary employer, on multiple occasions. The company's charitable arm, The GVTC Foundation, has donated more than \$1.5 million dollars to worthy causes, since its establishment in 2006. Learn more at [GVTC.com](http://GVTC.com)

#### About Exede

Exede® Internet by ViaSat, Inc. delivers high-speed Internet to more than 285,000 subscribers across the U.S. Powered by ViaSat-1, the world's highest-capacity satellite uses spot-beam technology to cover approximately 80 percent of the U.S. population. With download speeds up to 12 Mbps, Exede has transformed satellite Internet for households that previously had slow, inadequate Internet service. It is also proving to be a popular, competitive alternative to residential DSL and wireless Internet. In the FCC's annual benchmarking report, *Measuring Broadband America 2013*, Exede led all Internet service providers in surpassing advertised speeds. ViaSat-1 earned a Guinness World Records® achievement as the highest-capacity communications satellite in the world at the time of its launch in October 2011. Popular Science also named the innovative satellite system and Exede Internet as a Best of What's New Award Winner for 2012. [Exede.com](http://Exede.com)