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Arvig Purchases Palmer Wireless

PERHAM, MINN., MAY 1, 2018—Arvig Enterprises, Inc., (dba Arvig) announced the purchase of Palmer Wireless, a local wireless company serving the St. Cloud metro area. The all-asset purchase includes 24 miles of fiber around the St. Cloud to Big Lake area.

David Arvig, Vice President/COO at Arvig, said, “This acquisition plays a large part in helping us expand our service footprint, by filling in an important piece between our legacy network and our growing network in the Twin Cities area.”

Arvig will assume the service contracts for approximately 1,500 residential fixed-wireless internet customers along with a handful of voice customers. The company will continue to expand its network by utilizing the existing Border-to-Border Broadband Development Grants awarded to Palmer Wireless in 2017—including a last-mile project near Duelm in southern Benton County; and last-mile fiber-to-the-premise project in Sherburne County near the St. Cloud airport.

Palmer Wireless previously provided cell phone service to its customers, who were notified that the service would be discontinued, effective March 30, 2018.

Some members of the current staff have chosen to remain in place, including former owners, Albert and Laura Kangas.

About Arvig

Established in 1950, Arvig has grown from a small, family-owned telephone company to one of the largest independent telecommunications providers in the nation. Arvig delivers cutting-edge technology to residential and business customers throughout the state of Minnesota. In addition to providing Internet, television and local telephone services, Arvig also provides high-capacity connectivity solutions such as dark fiber, wavelength and Ethernet, as well as managed IT, security, answering services and a full suite of digital media services. Visit arvigbusiness.com for additional information.