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## Cal.net and Vast Networks Announce Immediate Availability of Services on Vast's Fiber Network

SHINGLE SPRINGS and FRESNO, CALIFORNIA – September 2, 2015. Cal.net, Inc, an Internet Service Provider based in Shingle Springs, CA, and Vast Networks, a middle-mile and last mile fiber infrastructure provider based in Fresno, CA, are proud to jointly announce immediate commercial availability of the Vast fiber network services in El Dorado, Amador, and Placer Counties.

The Vast fiber network, which was partially funded through federal ARRA and state CASF grants in 2010, is now complete and ready to supply high-speed Internet services along its route. A portion of this entirely-underground route runs through the heart of the Sierra Nevada western foothills from Jamestown in Tuolumne County to Grass Valley in Nevada County, connecting at each end to other fiber routes running down the spine of the Central Valley. This architecture delivers the following unique combination of benefits unattainable by alternative services:

- The "ring" architecture provides a dual path for Internet traffic that enables service to remain functional all along the route even in the event of a fiber cut or failure at any one point;
- The underground nature of the network greatly reduces the risk of damage to the network from accidents, acts of nature, or intentional vandalism; and
- The modern technology and substantial fiber capacity of the network offer high-quality dedicated symmetric Internet connection speeds from 50 Mbps all the way up to 10 Gbps.

With a three-year history of quietly working together behind the scenes, the companies are also pleased to finally announce that Cal.net is now an official representative of Vast Networks with the ability to design, provision, and support services throughout the Gold Country of California and beyond. With aggressive pricing and a commitment to exemplary local service, Cal.net, together with Vast, is now the go-to resource for high-speed business-class Internet service in the Western Sierra Region. To find out more about establishing a CVIN fiber connection, phone Cal.net on 530-672-1078, and ask for the sales department.

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