



Alaska Communications completes key upgrades on Northstar submarine fiberoptic cable keeping Alaskans reliably connected

Aug. 19, 2025 – ANCHORAGE, Alaska – [Alaska Communications](#) has completed important network upgrades extending the life of one of Alaska’s critical communication links.

Alaska Communications owns and operates two submarine fiberoptic cables connecting Alaska with the contiguous United States: Northstar and AKORN.

This upgrade included replacing Northstar’s power feed equipment (PFE) units in three locations across Alaska and Oregon with new hardware.

“This upgrade is an investment in the future of our submarine fiber network, reinforcing our commitment to delivering exceptional service and connectivity for years to come,” said Jeff Vogt, chief operating officer. “Northstar was one of the first cables to connect Alaska to the Lower 48 and through maintenance projects like our PFE upgrade, we’re ensuring Alaskans remain reliably connected consistent with our vision to connect Alaskans to each other and the world.”

Alaska Communications continues to invest in its network. Between critical maintenance projects and [significant expansion of our network](#), the company demonstrates its leadership in delivering essential broadband to Alaskans which are proven to bring value to communities and individuals by driving economic growth, expanding access to education and healthcare, and enabling workforce development opportunities.

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About Alaska Communications

Alaska Communications, an affiliate of ATN International, Inc. (NASDAQ: ATNI), is a leading provider of mission and life-critical communications infrastructure in Alaska. The company operates a robust and advanced statewide fiber network and a highly diverse undersea fiber optic system that connects Alaska to the contiguous U.S. For additional information, visit www.AlaskaCommunications.com.

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Pictured: An Alaska Communications technician inspects new power feed equipment (PFE) and one of the company's cable landing stations.