

RCA Alascom

RCA Alaska Communications, Inc. announced today that it is ready to accept transfer of ownership and operation from Comsat of the Twelve Mile, Scotty Lake and Talkeetna, Alaska microwave stations Wednesday, July 1.

These three stations and another RCA Anchorage station are part of the new million dollar RCA Alascom microwave system which links Anchorage with the new communications satellite earth station at Talkeetna which is named after the late Senator "Bob" Bartlett.

The Bartlett station and the microwave system go into commercial operations this week.

Howard R. Hawkins, RCA Alascom president, who is in Anchorage to attend an RCA Alaska Communications Board of Directors meeting, said that up to 80 public message telephone circuits will be placed in network operation thereby relieving congestion during peak hours of interstate telephone calls.

He said RCA Alascom intends to provide the total system to the Alaska Communication System pending transfer to the ACS to RCA Alascom.