

Long Distance For Ft. Yukon

SEATTLE, WASH.—Colonel Jack C. O'Dell, Commander of the Alaska Communication System, announced that the ACS has extended nationwide long distance telephone network service to two Alaska communities—Teller and Fort Yukon.

On 13 August, operator direct dial service was offered to local exchange subscribers at Teller. State Senator and Mrs. Robert Blodgett manage the Teller exchange.

On 18 August, dial telephone service was offered to subscribers of the Interior Telephone Company, Fort Yukon. The Fort Yukon exchange serves 60 people and is managed by Mr. Richard Rhyner, President of the company.

Prior to the dial connections to the long distance telephone network, communications service to Teller was on a daily schedule basis via "bush phone." Service to Fort Yukon previously consisted of one agent toll station telephone in the village.

Both exchanges are served with long distance service through the ACS Fairbanks toll switch.