

RCA Global Communications Apply for Alaska Satellite

The parent company of Alaska's largest communications firm has filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) for a domestic communications satellite network.

RCA Global Communications, Inc. and RCA Alascom would like to build a \$198 million domestic communication satellite system, according to RCA Chairman Robert W. Sarnoff.

The system would consist of three satellites in geostationary orbits positioned to provide coverage to all 50 states and Puerto Rico.

The RCA plan includes 13 earth stations, five in Alaska—at Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau, Ketchikan and Prudhoe Bay.

At least five other companies, including Comsat—which operates the Talkeetna station—have filed bids for a domestic satellite plan. Only one company is expected to receive the potentially lucrative FCC license.

"Prompt approval of the RCA application could result in the system beginning operation in 1974," according to Howard R. Hawkins, President of RCA Globcom and RCA Alascom.

The system would result in cheaper and more modern communications in Alaska, especially in bush areas. RCA now operates the long line telephone and telegraph systems in the state.

The system would be implemented in two basic stages, according to Mr. Hawkins. Two satellites, one for operations and the other for backup would be launched in 1974, with a third held in reserve on the ground. There would be 11 major earth stations initially.

By 1976, the system expects to require expansion to three satellites and 13 ground stations, plus a fourth satellite under construction.

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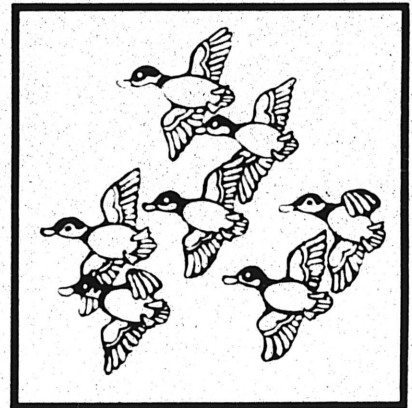
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