

Northway Area Gets RCA Line

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — RCA Alaska Communications, Inc., announced recently it has established a long distance telephone interconnection with the new local exchange serving the Northway area.

RCA Alascom President Stephen D. Heller said the interconnection with the new local exchange operated by the Sitka/Southeastern Telephone Co. will improve telephone service to the Northway area.

The new local exchange in Northway will eliminate the need which previously existed to have every telephone in the Northway area connected directly to the TOK exchange some 70 miles away via so called Rural telephone service.

The Northway exchange, with about 35 initial subscribers, interconnects with RCA Alascom's long distance circuits for intra-

state and interstate communications service.

The new exchange replaces RCA Alascom rural telephone service in Northway. Rural telephone service in Northway. Rural telephone service is one means of extending service to remote areas which have no local telephone exchanges of their own.

When one Northway subscriber called another, the call was

transmitted along an open wire to Tok where it was switched back to another Northway subscriber's telephone.

Installation of the local exchange improves the quality of service by eliminating many miles of circuits to serve local telephone calls.

Since RCA Alascom became Alaska's certificated long lines

carrier in 1971, new telephone exchanges have been installed by local telephone companies at Cooper Landing, Unalaska, Iliamna, Aniak, Shishmaref, Klawock and Gustavus.

More exchanges are planned by local telephone companies with interconnections to RCA Alascom long distance circuits in the future.