

Yakutat and Cordova earth stations

RCA Alaska communications, Inc., today announced that new satellite earth stations in Yakutat and Cordova have started carrying commercial telephone traffic.

The earth stations, each with 33-foot diameter antennas, bring to eight the number of major satellite ground facilities owned and operated by Alascom in the state.

In addition, smaller earth stations are currently being

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phased into service at 20 villages which had no existing communications. The earth station, with 15-foot antennas, provide the villages with voice channels for long distance telephone and emergency medical service. The stations are the first of 100 being constructed under an agreement between RCA Alascom and the State of Alaska.

The Yakutat and Cordova Earth Stations are equipped with 72 voice channels initially and can be easily expanded to meet future growth needs. The Cordova Earth Station provides circuits for Johnstone Point, Middleton Island and Cape Yakataga via Boswell Bay as well as to the city of Cordova.

Completion of the Earth Stations was essential to the Air Force's turndown of the "A" route of the White Alice Communications system.

The Yakutat Earth Station will replace the White Alice facility at Ocean Cape, while the Cordova station partially replaces the White Alice tropo site at Boswell Bay.

The new Earth Stations, along with the recent completion of an Alascom microwave system between Angoon and Ketchikan, provide an alternate to the A Route through Southeast Alaska.

Long distance traffic from the Yakutat and Cordova Earth Stations will be routed through Alascom's Anchorage toll center.