

RCA Asks to Link Juneau and Sitka

WASHINGTON, D.C. — RCA Alaska Communications, Inc., has filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission for authority to establish and operate a communications satellite earth station at Lena Point, Alaska, according to Senator Mike Gravel (D-Alaska).

The Senator said, "If the application is approved, it means the Lena Point station will be

directly connected with Sitka and Juneau thus providing additional circuits for public television transmission service for that area of southeastern Alaska."

Senator Gravel pointed out that Lena Point presently is a microwave station site on the routes to Sitka and Juneau. It will become the property of RCA Alascom upon transfer of the Alaska Communication System on January 10, 1971.

The technical summary filed with the FCC describes the proposed earth station as one with a 30-32 foot antenna, similar to new earth stations planned by Canada in the Yukon and Northwest Territories.

The station would be able to operate with the Intelsat series of satellites over the Pacific as well as the Canadian Telesat satellite.

The RCA filing is one of the first ever based on a no-penalty rate for satellite access

when communications are domestic.

In this case, this would apply for internal Alaska traffic or for traffic between Alaska and the other 49 states.

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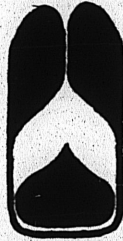
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