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BROADBAND ROLL-OUT IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY APPROVED — SLIC Network Gets Green Light to Build High-Speed Data Network in Rural County —

Albany, NY—5/19/11— The New York State Public Service Commission (Commission) today approved the start of construction of a high-technology broadband and cable television system in St. Lawrence County by SLIC Network Solutions, Inc.

“Granting these franchises serves the public interest because it promotes consumer choice and enhances competition,” said Commission Chairman Garry Brown. “As a result of our decision today, St. Lawrence County residents should benefit from having greater access to high-speed broadband service, enhancing prospects for renewed economic growth and opportunity in the county.”

SLIC’s service is a competitive alternative to the cable services offered by the incumbent cable and satellite providers. As part of the application process, SLIC submitted for environmental review the cable television system it proposes to construct in St. Lawrence County in the Towns of Massena, Brasher Falls, Hopkinton, Louisville, Norfolk, Stockholm, Parishville, Colton, Waddington, Madrid, Potsdam, Pierrepont, Claire, Lisbon, Canton, Russell, Oswegatchie, Piercefield, Clifton and Fine.

The Commission today approved franchises in the St. Lawrence County towns of Pierrepont, Madrid, and Hopkinton. While SLIC will need to file applications for each of the remaining towns, the Commission will not need to conduct any additional environmental reviews due to its

assessment of the entire project in this case. This will speed approval of the remaining applications.

The project involves installation of a linear fiber optic system in the St. Lawrence County towns, consisting of 660 miles of fiber optic plant fiber and 15 pad-mounted telecommunications equipment cabinets. The single mode fiber will be installed on existing utility poles and new utility poles in selected locations within existing road rights-of-way. Underground conduit will connect the telecommunications cabinets to the service utility poles.

As proposed by SLIC, the entire project is planned to deliver advanced broadband services (voice and Internet Protocol Television services) to 5,124 un-served households, 732 served households, 112 business and 30 critical community facilities in remote northern and southern portions of St. Lawrence County. The project is funded with resources derived from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

The Commission's decision today, when issued, may be obtained by going to the Commission Documents section of the Commission's Web site at www.dps.state.ny.us and entering Case Number 11-V-0091 in the input box labeled "Search for Case/Matter Number". Many libraries offer free Internet access. Commission orders may also be obtained from the Commission's Files Office, 14th floor, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12223 (518-474-2500).