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TelAlaska Management Named Following ABB Acquisition

Brenda Shepard, former Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of TelAlaska, has assumed the role of Chief Executive Officer of the company following the acquisition by American Broadband Communications (ABB).

Shepard brings some 30 years experience in Alaska telecommunications to the position, having worked in Finance, Accounting, and Regulatory for ASTAC, an Anchorage-based cooperative telephone company serving the North Slope, and earlier in her career at OTZ Telephone Cooperative, headquartered in Kotzebue. Shepard holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Phoenix and serves on the board of the Alaska Telephone Association (ATA).

Brett Carter, formerly company controller, was promoted to Vice President of Finance. Carter has been with the company since 1991, serving in Finance roles of increasing responsibility. He holds a master's degree in business administration from Alaska Pacific University and a bachelor's of science degree in business administration and finance from Northern Arizona University. Carter is a Trustee for the TelAlaska Profit Sharing Plan and a member of the Separations and Access Committee of OPASTCO, a national telecommunications trade association.

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Marnie Brennan and David Goggins will remain on the executive team as Vice President of Marketing and Vice President of Operations respectively. Brennan joined TelAlaska in 2000 and Goggins has been with TelAlaska for more than 25 years.

TelAlaska is a telecommunications solutions company serving 25 rural communities and providing advanced network solutions in urban markets. TelAlaska was founded by the Rhyner family in Fort Yukon in 1968. TelAlaska was acquired by American Broadband in July of 2008.

American Broadband acquires and operates local exchange carriers and related businesses in rural markets nationwide. The company's strategy is distinguished by a long-term focus on growth in rural America. By investing in its telecommunications network, local employees and management, and community organizations, American Broadband ensures continued customer service satisfaction and works to realize the growth potential of its markets. The company now serves more than 26,000 access lines, 10,000 Cable Subscribers, and 8,500 high speed data customers in Nebraska, Missouri, and Alaska.

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