# ECFIBER ANNOUNCES THIRD SPEED INCREASE IN FOUR YEARS WITH NO PRICE INCREASES; FURTHER INCREASES PLANNED

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ECFiber today announced that it has again increased its speeds by 40-100%, without increasing its prices. "Our Basic plan steps up from 10 to 17 Mbps; our Standard plan from 25 to 40 Mbps; our Ultra plan doubles from 100 to 200, and our 'Wicked' plan goes from 500 to 700" said Corey Klinck, ValleyNet's* Chief Technical Officer. ECFiber's speeds are symmetrical, meaning that download and upload speeds are equal. Symmetrical service is becoming essential for interactive Internet applications and for home businesses depending on cloud computing solutions.

"Since 2014, ECFiber has more than tripled its Basic speed and increased its higher tier speeds by as much as 10 times, all without increasing prices," stated Carole Monroe, ValleyNet's* CEO. "We intend to continue increasing speeds each year to keep up with our subscribers' increasing bandwidth needs. Next year all our speeds will again increase, with our basic speed increasing to 25 Mbps, which is the FCC's definition of broadband service in non-rural areas. And later this year we will introduce gigabit service (1,000 Mbps.)"

All schools, libraries and town institutions (town halls, police, fire, garages) in ECFiber's coverage area receive ECFiber's fastest speeds for $74 per month – competitive for-profit providers charge as much as $2,000 per month for similar services. ECFiber's Internet plans have no monthly data caps. An uncapped Internet environment encourages entrepreneurs and economic growth. Despite the trend toward instituting data caps among commercial Internet providers, ECFiber believes that caps are inconsistent with its mission as a community network. An unconstrained online environment frees businesses and individuals to be creative and innovative.

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ECFiber is a town-owned Communications Union District consisting of 24 towns in East-Central Vermont. Step by step, we are building a community-owned fiber-optic network to deliver high-speed Internet to every home, business, or civic institution in our territory. ECFiber offers real broadband: symmetrical Internet access (same upload as download), no contracts, no data caps, and a choice of speeds from 17Mbps to 700 Mbps that do not vary by location, time of day, or according to the weather – as well as fully featured phone service with unlimited calling to USA and Canada.

*ValleyNet is the non-profit that operates ECFiber's network under a "design/build/operate" agreement.

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