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## **DCN Celebrates Network Completion Byron Dorgan to Speak at October 21 Open House**

October 16, 1998 (Bismarck, North Dakota) – On Wednesday, October 21, 1998, Dakota Carrier Network (DCN) will hold an open house at their new building located at 1615 Capitol Way in Bismarck, North Dakota. The dedication ceremony will start with a ribbon cutting at 3:15 P.M. Following the ribbon cutting, there will be an interactive video feed demonstration linking speakers from Polar Communications in Park River, Consolidated Telephone in Dickinson and Souris River Telecommunications in Minot to each location as well as Bismarck. Senator Byron Dorgan is also scheduled to speak to those attending the Open House and to visitors at the other three locations.

DCN was formed by fifteen independent telephone companies in North Dakota who serve 148,000 customers in 244 communities. DCN operates a 100-percent fiber optic communications network linking all regions of the state, including all of the major population centers. The network allows North Dakota customers access to the “telecommunications highway” not only on a state level but also on a national level. DCN utilizes fiber optic networks in adjacent states and Canada to connect North Dakota customers to the world.

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