



## ACS Names Chief Operating Officer

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Nov 02, 2009 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Alaska Communications Systems Group, Inc. ("ACS") (NASDAQ:ALSK), Alaska's leading integrated communications provider, today announced the appointment of Anand Vadapalli as Chief Operating Officer for Alaska Communications Systems, a new position reporting to ACS President & CEO Liane Pelletier.

Vadapalli will have responsibility for the strategic and operational leadership of ACS' sales and service, product and marketing, technology and operations functions.

Most recently Vadapalli was Executive Vice President of Technology and Operations at ACS, and has been with the company since August 2006.

ACS President and CEO Liane Pelletier said, "This is a natural and effective evolution of our leadership structure. Anand's proven leadership in technology and operations coupled with his focus on creating customer value will serve ACS well."

With his expanded role, Vadapalli is positioned to accelerate sales and delivery cycles, drive efficiencies through improved resource alignment and accelerate employee development.

Vadapalli brings more than 20 years of technology and business expertise as well as proven leadership skills in telecommunications and other industries. His personal hallmarks include customer-focused innovations, high performance standards, a strong work ethic and endless energy. Mr. Vadapalli has held various technology and business executive positions at Valor Telecom, Network Telephone Corporation and Broadwing/Cincinnati Bell.

He holds a BE in Mechanical Engineering from Osmania University in Hyderabad, India as well as a PGDM from the Indian Institute of Management in Calcutta, India.

### About Alaska Communications Systems

Headquartered in Anchorage, ACS is Alaska's leading provider of broadband and other wireline and wireless solutions to Enterprise and mass market customers. The ACS wireline operations include the state's most advanced data networks and the only diverse undersea fiber optic system connecting Alaska to the contiguous United States. The ACS wireless operations include a statewide 3G CDMA network, reaching across Alaska from the North Slope to Ketchikan, with coverage extended via best-in-class CDMA carriers in the Lower 49 and Canada. By investing in the fastest-growing market segments and attracting the highest-quality customers, ACS seeks to drive top and bottom-line growth, while continually improving customer experience and cost structure through process improvement. More information can be found on the company's website at [www.acsalaska.com](http://www.acsalaska.com) or at its investor site at [www.alsk.com](http://www.alsk.com).

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