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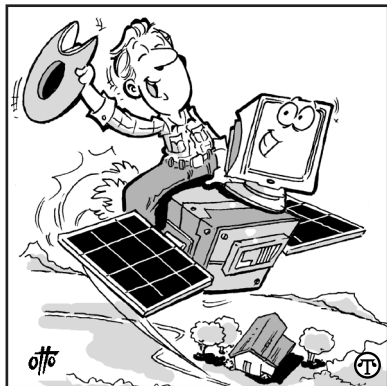
Internet By Satellite: What You Should Know

(NAPSA)—On the Information Superhighway, millions of Americans are being left in the dust. That's because an estimated 47 percent of the population—largely living in rural or remote areas—doesn't have access to high-speed, broadband service, such as cable modems or DSL.

But instead of believing that broadband connectivity is a pipe dream, more and more of these people are looking up—to the heavens. That's because it's now possible to receive high-speed Internet access via satellite. And it doesn't matter how remote your location is; you can log on as long as you have a clear view of the southern sky.

Unlike traditional broadband options, satellite service does not rely on cable or wires. This means that it's not hindered by geography or topology, or how much a service provider will invest in infrastructure. Instead, satellite service uses a small dish and a modem to provide the broadband connection—meaning it's available anywhere in the U.S.

With HughesNet satellite service, for example, residential users can experience speeds up to 10 times faster than dial-up. It's even faster for business users. That means you can download



With high-speed Internet service via satellite, people in remote or rural areas are no longer stuck in the slow lane of the Information Superhighway.

large files in minutes, not hours. But faster download speeds are not the only way that users save time; because satellite broadband is always on, people don't need to dial in and wait for a connection.

To get started, you need a satellite dish mounted outside your home or business, preferably by a certified installer. No phone line is needed.

And for the millions of people who've been chugging along with dial-up, such news may seem out of this world.

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