

SECOM purchases Rural-Com

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LA JUNTA – The options for obtaining Internet service in southeastern Colorado have increased thanks to the recent purchase of Rural-Com by SECOM.

The purchase was made official Jan. 1, 2008, when service transferred from Rural-Com to SECOM, a division of the Southeast Colorado Power Association. According to SECPA CEO Rich Wilson, the transition was a smooth one, made possible in part to the fact that SECOM was already providing services to Rural-Com, including design engineering, server collocation and Internet connectivity.

“Purchasing Rural-Com was a natural progression for us,” said SECOM General Manager Jon Saunders, adding that the purchase will allow SECOM to expand its services to include residential Internet in addition to the business and wholesale services it has provided since 1999.

Pricing points through SECOM will remain the same as they were through Rural-Com, with Internet plans starting at \$9.95 a month. There are a variety of services including wireless and dial-up available. SECOM’s Internet service is available to most residents of southeast Colorado, including those in towns and rural areas. “We have a variety of options that fit anyone’s needs and budgets,” Saunders said.

Taking over the Internet services previously provided by Rural-Com will also be of benefit to SECPA customers. According to Saunders, SECPA is now utilizing the tower that was part of the Rural-Com sale for its two-way radio equipment. The tower SECPA was previously using for this purpose was old and in need of repairs or replacement. Using the former Rural-Com tower actually improves coverage and makes for a safer system, he said, while saving the company the cost of replacing a tower.

Southeast Colorado Power Association, formed in 1937, is a not-for-profit cooperative electric utility with 10,100 services in communities in 11 southeastern Colorado counties. All SECPA customers are members and owners of a cooperative. SECPA strives to provide high quality, reliable electric service to its members, but also seeks to develop and make available new technology. SECOM was developed as its telecommunications provider, providing nearly 1,000 miles of fiber optic cable to schools, businesses, libraries and colleges in the area.

For more information on SECOM’s new Internet services, please call (719) 384-8583 or 1-888-925-7695.