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## SHAWNEE COMMUNICATIONS COMPLETES ACQUISITION OF MOULTRIE MULTICORP

### Shawnee to Preserve Moultrie Heritage and Continue Network Improvements

Equality, IL; Lovington, IL, June 21, 2016– Shawnee Communications (Shawnee) today announced that Shawnee, a rural provider of telephone, high speed internet and other telecommunications services in five southern Illinois counties, has completed its acquisition of Moultrie MultiCorp, Inc., the holding company of Moultrie Independent Telephone Company (MITC) and MITC's affiliated companies, including One-Eleven Internet Services and Moultrie Telecommunications.

Shawnee announced that they would continue investing in technology infrastructure to provide MITC customers with the latest in telecommunications and high speed Internet services, preserving the strong legacy left by the Bowers family.

Shawnee Communications CEO Mike Grisham stated, *"Shawnee Communications is enthusiastic and ready to serve Lovington customers with the best in telecommunications services, fiber-based high speed internet and customer service that is second to none. We believe this acquisition will continue the legacy that Moultrie has established in Lovington, provide new opportunities for this community to connect to the world, and help take Shawnee to the next level."*

The acquisition allows Shawnee to expand its operations beyond its current southern Illinois boundaries, where it serves over 3,000 customers in nine rural communities with telephone and high speed Internet services.

The transaction has been approved by the Illinois Commerce Commission. Shawnee will begin immediately to consolidate operations and resources, and has already begun plans to upgrade high speed internet services to approximately five hundred customers in Lovington.

*Shawnee Communications is proud to serve communities throughout Southern Illinois, providing telephone and Internet connectivity to thousands of families and businesses. We are a hometown company with a commitment to supporting our communities, and bringing current communications technology to our customers.*

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