



## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Arqiva confirms completion of Digital Switch Over for Stockland Hill transmitter group (West Country region)**

Arqiva confirms that the Digital Switch Over process for the Stockland Hill transmitter group in the West Country region has been completed successfully.

All six digital TV multiplexes are now being transmitted at high-power from the main station at Stockland Hill, while the three public-service multiplexes are being transmitted for the first time from 23 dependent relays in east Devon and parts of Somerset and Dorset: Bampton, Beaminster, Beer, Bincombe Hill, Branscombe, Bridport, Brushford, Budleigh Salterton\*, Chagford, Charmouth, Chideock, Crediton, Culm Valley, Dawlish, Dunsford, Exeter St Thomas, Honiton, Pennsylvania, Preston, Rampisham UHF, Stokeinteignhead, Tiverton and Weymouth.

Following the switch-off of the BBC Two analogue signal on Wednesday 6 May, the remaining analogue signals for BBC One, ITV1 and Channel 4 were switched off by 00:20 on Wednesday 20 May 2009. The digital signals for the D3&4, SDN, BBC B, Arqiva A and Arqiva B multiplexes were switched on at Stockland Hill at 04:45, with the last of the relays completed by 13:55.

Arqiva is the transmission provider for all terrestrial TV and most radio services in the UK.

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\* Although a relay of Beacon Hill, the new digital site at Budleigh Salterton entered service with the Stockland Hill transmitter group.

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**About Arqiva**

Arqiva operates at the heart of the broadcast and mobile communications industry and is at the forefront of network solutions and services in an increasingly digital world. The company provides much of the infrastructure behind television, radio and wireless communications in the UK and has a growing presence in Ireland, mainland Europe and the USA. There are three business units:

**Terrestrial Broadcast** provides transmission for all UK terrestrial TV broadcasters, including the new networks being built for the Digital Switch Over. Transmission is also provided for BBC Radio and most commercial radio stations, both analogue and DAB. The company owns and operates two of the six UK digital terrestrial TV multiplexes, enabling major media companies to bring their TV and radio services to Freeview.

**Satellite & Media** provides global communication platforms to enterprise, government and broadcast customers around the world. It owns and operates teleports at key locations including Los Angeles, Washington, London and Paris, as well as comprehensive satellite capacity, an international terrestrial fibre network and extensive media facilities. These enable Arqiva to provide world leading organisations with a comprehensive range of services to deliver their data, broadcasts and media across the globe.

**Wireless Access** provides cellular, wireless broadband, voice and data solutions for the mobile communications, public safety, local government, and commercial markets. Arqiva is the largest independent provider of radio sites in the UK and Ireland. With its own spectrum, the company can provide complete mobile communications networks including backhaul links.

Arqiva has its headquarters near Winchester and other major UK offices in London, Warwick, Buckinghamshire and Yorkshire. The company is owned by a consortium of investors led by Macquarie Communications Infrastructure Group. Major customers include the BBC, ITV, Channel 4, Five, BSkyB, Classic FM, the five UK mobile operators, the RNLI and the Metropolitan Police.

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