



## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Caldbeck transmitter group (Border region) – Arqiva confirms completion of Digital Switch Over**

Arqiva confirms that the Digital Switch Over process for the Caldbeck transmitter group in Cumbria, south-west Scotland and the south Lakes has been completed successfully.

All six digital TV multiplexes are now being transmitted at high-power from the main station at Caldbeck, while the three public-service multiplexes are being transmitted for the first time from 46 relay sites: Ainstable, Ballantrae, Barskeoch Hill, Bassenthwaite, Bleach Green, Cambret Hill, Coniston, Creetown, Crosby Ravensworth, Crosthwaite, Dentdale, Dumfries South, Eskdale Green, Glenluce, Glenridding, Glenridding Link, Gosforth, Grasmere, Greystoke, Haltwhistle, Hawkshead, Kendal, Kendal Fell, Keswick, Kirkby Stephen, Kirkcudbright, Langholm, Lorton, Lowther Valley, Millthrop, Minnigaff, Moffat, New Galloway, Orton, Pinwherry, Pooley Bridge, Portpatrick, Ravenstonedale, Sedbergh, St Bees, Stranraer, Thornhill, Threlkeld, Whitehaven, Windermere and Workington.

Following the switch-off of the BBC Two analogue signal on Wednesday 24 June 2009, the remaining analogue signals for BBC One, ITV1, Channel 4 and Five were switched off from 00:01 on Wednesday 22 July 2009. The digital signals for the D3&4, SDN, BBC B, Arqiva A and Arqiva B multiplexes entered official service at Caldbeck at 05:30, with the last of the relays completed by 16:55.

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

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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

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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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