

Bob Helmly, CEO of Home Telephone Company Recognized with Lifetime Achievement Award

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - Moncks Corner, S.C. – August 1, 2011 - “Modern Technology, Rural Ingenuity,” was the theme at this year’s 48th Annual OPASTCO Convention held in Minneapolis. The conference represents approximately 460 rural telecommunications carriers, including Home Telephone Company.

The company recently changed its name to HOME Telecom (www.HOMESC.com) after adding additional services to their product offerings and making a significant investment in new technology. Helmly, a South Carolina native, is Vice-Chair and CEO at the 100-year old company whose motto is, “Live Life Ahead.” He received the organization’s most prestigious honor, the Lifetime Achievement Award.

This award honors individuals who have worked to further the independent telecommunications industry throughout their careers, specifically at the local or state level. It recognizes effective leadership and advocacy, along with outstanding accomplishments and contributions to the local community and state industry associations.

“I hope this honor demonstrates our commitment to innovation and providing our customers with the latest and greatest technology. This award further strengthens our commitment to our mission to help our customers **Live Life Ahead**,” said Helmly in a recent interview.

About Home Telecom

Home Telecom is committed to innovation and providing its customers with the latest and greatest technology. The commitment is demonstrated by being one of the first telecommunications companies to:

- Utilize fiber to provide high speed Internet and video conferencing to local area schools
- Deploy state-of-the-art Fiber-To-The-Home and Fiber-To-The-Business technology
- Provide Cable TV services over the phone lines
- Convert cable television system to all digital
- Deploy DOCSIS 3.0 high speed Cable Modem Internet service

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