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## **Valley TeleCom Group Announces Troy Judd as New CEO**

Willcox, AZ – [Date] – Valley TeleCom Group is thrilled to announce the appointment of Troy Judd as its new Chief Executive Officer (CEO). With a 24-year career in the telecommunications industry, including 23-year tenure at Valley, Troy Judd brings a wealth of experience and a proven track record of leadership to his new role.

Troy Judd's educational background includes a Bachelor's degree in accounting from Western New Mexico University, Silver City, NM. Troy Judd's telecommunications career began at the auditing firm Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert & Moss. His journey with Valley TeleCom Group began over two decades ago, and he has since played a pivotal role in shaping the organization's growth and success. Troy's understanding of the industry, combined with his expertise in administrative functions such as finance, human resources, regulatory and compliance, billing, and marketing, uniquely positions him to lead the company into its next phase of innovation and expansion.

Troy's leadership skills were demonstrated in 2021, executing the merger of Valley Telephone Cooperative and its subsidiary Copper Valley Telephone. This strategic move streamlined operations and paved the way for increased efficiency and customer satisfaction. Additionally, Troy secured a \$45 million loan from the USDA Rural Utilities Service (RUS), earmarked to fund an expansive fiber-to-the-home internet rollout across a significant portion of the cooperative territory. This ambitious initiative will undoubtedly enhance connectivity and bridge the digital divide in the region.

"I am honored and excited to step into the role of CEO at Valley TeleCom Group," remarked Troy Judd. "Our commitment to delivering telecommunications solutions to our communities remains unwavering. With the ongoing fiber expansion and the upcoming Arizona and New Mexico State Broadband Grant projects, I am excited to work alongside the dedicated Valley Team to bring advanced connectivity to our valued members."

David Thompson, President of the Board of Directors, expressed his confidence in Troy's capabilities, stating, "Troy's extensive experience, remarkable leadership, and dedication to our company's mission

make him the perfect choice to lead Valley TeleCom Group into this new chapter. We are enthusiastic about the future under his guidance."

Troy Judd's ascent to the role of CEO signifies a new chapter for Valley TeleCom Group. With his industry insight and dedication, the cooperative is poised to continue its legacy as a trailblazer in the rural telecommunications sector.

### **About Valley TeleCom Group**

Valley TeleCom Group is a local telecommunications company that provides high-speed Internet, phone and business solutions to southeast Arizona and southwest New Mexico. Valley has offices in Clifton, AZ; Safford, AZ; and Willcox, AZ and have been providing services since 1962. [www.vtc.net](http://www.vtc.net)

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