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Telia provides broadband service for two new municipal core networks

This week Telia is starting to sell broadband services through two municipal core networks in Eskilstuna and Piteå, Sweden. Households and companies in these two cities are being offered the service “Telia Bredband Stadsnät” (Telia Broadband for Municipal Core Networks) with speeds up to 10 Mbits per second.

Since 2004 Telia has been selling broadband services to companies that build municipal core networks in different parts of Sweden. The first company to sign a contract with TeliaSonera Sweden was the municipal housing company Svenska Bostäder in Stockholm. Now two power companies, Eskilstuna Energi & Miljö and PiteEnergi, have become the two latest customers.

“Companies and households want simple and low-cost broadband service. Offering broadband services through the networks of other providers is one way for us to meet the needs and demands of customers. Our services include antivirus protection and a firewall at no extra cost, which allows customers to surf on the Internet more securely,” says Indra Åsander, head of the consumer market at TeliaSonera Sweden.

The service Telia is offering, Telia Bredband Stadsnät, is based on fibre optics and LAN technology that gives customers speeds up to 10 Mbit/s upstream and downstream. The service includes antivirus software and a firewall, as well as e-mail boxes and home pages with a capacity of 10 MB each. The monthly charge varies, depending on the municipal core network.

TeliaSonera Sweden has signed similar contracts for the provision of broadband service with the power companies Luleå Energi and Mälarenergi, and the municipal housing company MKB in Malmö.

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