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Janie Hughes has built her reputation on pioneering public pay phones, the prepaid calling card vending solution nationally, and launching WiFi locally. As president and CEO of Q3 Telecom Inc., founded in 1984, she is known by industry giants like AT&T and SBC as “the First Lady of Pay Phones.” Hughes earned the title when she became the first female pay phone service provider (PSP) in California shortly after the industry opened to independent operators in 1984.

She was the first female supplier for AT&T in a joint partnership to install pay phones at Los Angeles International Airport, and Q3 was the first company to launch prepaid phone cards at Reno Airport.

Hughes is known in the desert as the “First Lady of WiFi” for launching WiFi at the airport and Palm Springs City Hall in late 2004 and early 2005.

Q3 is invested in Internet, landline, wireless, and prepaid public communication nationwide, prepaid calling card through vending applications, business centers, public communications systems, and turnkey management solutions in airports nationwide.

Her current focus is leveraging relationships built over 20 years to preserve existing landline-based public communications within airports, while continuing to provide the latest technology and convenience to travelers.

“After the 9/11 disaster, landline-based technology was the only functioning means of communication,” says Hughes. “I see the preservation of the landline-based technology as a matter of public safety and security. My love and dedication to the industry is the engine that drives my commitment.”