



NEON Communications Achieves Metro Ethernet Forum Certification

WESTBOROUGH, Mass., June 19, 2007 (PRIME NEWSWIRE) -- NEON Communications (AMEX:NGI) announced today that it is one of the first service providers to achieve both Metro Ethernet Forum (MEF) MEF-9 and MEF-14 certifications for its Ethernet service offering.

"As an active member of MEF, and a company that has incorporated MEF's best practices into our service offering, we felt it was important to have our Ethernet Private Line Service certified by Iometrix," said Kurt Van Wagenen, President and CEO of NEON Communications. "This certification provides customers a measure by which to evaluate alternatives in the marketplace and to make informed decisions," said Van Wagenen.

The MEF certification program, conducted by Iometrix, consisted of a series of lab tests and remote monitoring of NEON's service and network equipment. "Service Providers' Carrier Ethernet must pass no less than 414 individual test cases before being granted both MEF-9 and MEF-14 certifications," said Bob Mandeville, President of Iometrix testing labs.

"NEON has provided Ethernet Services to FactSet Research Systems, Inc. for many years. What this MEF certification means to FactSet is that we can trust that the service we are receiving from companies like NEON will conform to a specific set of standards, which is critical when using more than one service provider in a network application," said Jeff Young, Chief Technology Officer with FactSet Research Systems, Inc.

"Carrier Ethernet Service revenue is expected to continue to grow at double-digit rates over the next several years. The need for solid standards and supporting certification from a consensus of industry players is critical for the successful adoption of this technology," said Kevin Vachon, Chief Operating Officer of the Metro Ethernet Forum.

NEON's dedicated Ethernet service offering combines the flexibility of Ethernet with the proven reliability and high performance of SONET to create a secure, carrier-grade service. It is transported across NEON's owned and operated fiber optic infrastructure, providing unsurpassed circuit Quality of Service (QoS).

The MEF certification will be presented to NEON at a ceremony, which will take place at the NXTcomm show in Chicago, Ill. For more information on NEON's Ethernet Service call (508) 616-7842 or visit http://www.neoninc.com/pages/22_ethernet_private_line.cfm.

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About NEON:

NEON Communications (AMEX: NGI) is a facilities-based wholesale communications provider, supplying high bandwidth fiber optic capacity and comprehensive end-to-end telecom services to communications companies and enterprise customers on an intercity, regional, and metro network in the 12-state Northeast and mid-Atlantic region, with 4,800 route miles and over 230,000 fiber miles from Maine to Virginia. For more information, visit www.neoninc.com.

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About FactSet:

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About Iometrix:

Iometrix, founded by Bob Mandeville in 2003, builds upon the activities of European Network Laboratories (ENL), the authoritative source of network benchmarking since 1991. Based in South San Francisco, California, Iometrix has recently launched its IO Certification Test Suite for the Ethernet in the First Mile (EFM) standard (IEEE 802.3ah). Iometrix is inaugurating its IO Certification Program by testing EFM Operations, Administration, and Management (OAM) compliance. Dedicated to advancing industry testing standards, Iometrix is actively working within industry standards bodies to drive forward the adoption of industry sanctioned benchmarks. For more information about Iometrix and IO Certification(tm), visit www.iometrix.com.

About the Metro Ethernet Forum:

The Metro Ethernet Forum (MEF) is a global industry alliance comprising approximately 70 organizations including telecommunications service providers, network equipment/software manufacturers, semiconductor vendors, and testing organizations. The MEF's mission is to accelerate the worldwide adoption of Carrier-class Ethernet networks and services. The MEF develops the Carrier Ethernet technical specifications and implementation agreements to promote interoperability and deployment of Carrier Ethernet worldwide. For more information about the Forum, including a complete listing of all current MEF members, visit www.MetroEthernetForum.org.

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