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Re: CC Docket No. 96-98

Dear Ms. Salas:

This is to give notice that today I have sent the attached written ex parte to staff in the Common Carrier Bureau, the Office of Engineering and Technology and the Offices of the the Commissioners.

In accordance with Section 1.1206(b)(1), I am filing two copies of this notice in the docket identified above. If you have any questions concerning this, please call me.

Sincerely,



Kathleen B. Levitz
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Dear Mr. Jennings and Mr. Stanshine:

On July 16, 1999, Jonathan Banks, Keith Milner, Kelly Stephens, Stephen Inman and I, representing BellSouth, met with you to discuss issues relating to the Commission's UNE Remand proceeding. During that meeting you asked us if we could provide examples of ~~facilities-based~~ CLECs entering into contracts that permitted them to rely on facilities other than those of an ILEC to provide telecommunications services to their customers located in that ILEC's service area. In response to your request, we have assembled the attached recent news releases, which describe such relationships. If after reviewing them, you have any questions, please call me at 202.463.4113.

In accordance with Section 1.1206(b)(1), I am filing two copies of this written ex parte presentation with the Secretary of the Commission and requesting that it be associated with the record of CC Docket No. 96-98.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathleen B. Levitz".

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AboveNet faces suit over merger with Metromedia

2-Jul-1999 -- An "alleged stockholder" of AboveNet Communications has filed a class-action suit to halt the planned buyout of the firm by dark-fiber operator Metromedia Communications, AboveNet said today. The suit claims that AboveNet directors "breached their fiduciary duties to stockholders in approving, subject to stockholder approval, the previously announced merger." AboveNet said it believes the suit is without merit.

Metromedia planning buy of AboveNet

23-Jun-1999 -- New York-based dark-fiber provider Metromedia Fiber Network has agreed to buy Internet networking firm AboveNet Communications of San Jose, Calif. Under terms of the deal, AboveNet shareholders stand to get 1.175 shares of Metromedia stock for each AboveNet share they surrender. Once the deal is done AboveNet shareholders will control about a 16.5 percent stake in Metromedia. AboveNet plans to use capacity along Metromedia networks in the United States and Europe to route Internet traffic.

Metromedia sees partnership with Focal

15-Jun-1999 -- New York City-based dark fiber company Metromedia Fiber Network Inc. today announced the signing of a 20-year agreement valued at a minimum of \$57 million to provide dark fiber to Focal Communications Corp, a Chicago-based CLEC. Under terms of the agreement, Focal will gain access to high-speed, high-bandwidth, local loop infrastructure across all of Metromedia's tier one metropolitan markets in the United States.

Metromedia signs agreement with Bell Atlantic

14-Jun-1999 -- New York City-based dark fiber CLEC firm Metromedia Fiber Network Inc. and RBOC Bell Atlantic this morning announced they have signed an agreement that enables Metromedia to implement dark fiber connectivity within all Bell Atlantic central offices. Under terms of the agreement, Metromedia will install hundreds of dark fibers in Bell Atlantic's central offices, but will not be required to locate the lines in a separate collocation cage. The two companies will initially conduct a trial of the service in five Bell Atlantic central offices in New York City, with plans to offer connections in more than 100 Bell Atlantic facilities in New York City, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C. and Boston.

Metromedia expands in Germany

10-Jun-1999 -- New York-based Metromedia Fiber Network this morning announced plans to expand its local-service operations in Germany with metro area fiber networks in Stuttgart and Cologne. Meanwhile, the carrier says it has begun on its previously announced long-haul network in Germany connecting 13 markets to its Frankfurt intracity system. The construction is being handled through Metromedia's German subsidiary, Metromedia Fiber Network GmbH.

Metromedia in pact with Comdisco

9-Jun-1999 -- New York-based dark-fiber CLEC firm Metromedia Fiber Network has formed an alliance with Comdisco to offer business-continuity services to enterprise customers. In particular, the firms plan to market their combined offerings initially in New York, then expand nationwide.

Metromedia in fiber deal with Lucent

8-Jun-1999 -- Dark-fiber CLEC firm Metromedia Communications has signed a deal with Lucent Technologies topping \$100 million for the deployment of Lucent's TrueWave RS-brand fiber cabling in the United States and Europe. The contract includes Lucent's new AccuRibbon DuctSaver+ design that doubles the capacity of the TrueWave fiber. Metromedia plans to install more than a million fiber miles throughout North American and Europe.

NEXTLINK offers services in nation's capital

2-Jun-1999 -- Bellevue, Wash.,-based CLEC firm NEXTLINK Communications this morning said it has opened for business in the Washington, D.C., metro area. In particular, the carrier is targeting small and mid-sized businesses in the District, as well as in northern Virginia. NEXTLINK plans to grow its Washington network to more than 16,500 fiber miles. Meanwhile, NEXTLINK is providing long-haul service between Washington and New York through an agreement with dark-fiber provider Metromedia Fiber Network.

Metromedia and Williams in capacity deals.

24-May-1999 -- Dark-fiber CLEC firm Metromedia Fiber Network of New York City today announced a pact with long-haul carrier Williams Communications of Tulsa, Okla., for capacity along intercity links connecting Metromedia's city-wide systems in several markets. Meanwhile, Williams has picked Metromedia as its primary vendor of intracity dark fiber in all current and future Tier One markets served by Metromedia. The deal gives Williams immediate access to hundreds of buildings along Metromedia's systems.

Metromedia planning Toronto network

12-May-1999 -- New York-based dark-fiber provider Metromedia Fiber Network today said it plans to deploy network facilities in Toronto. Also, the carrier has signed a series of agreements to lease dark fiber to Canadian telco BCT.TELUS along a transcontinental route.

PSINet turns up dark-fiber link

28-Apr-1999 -- IP-services firm PSINet of Herndon, Va., this morning said it has activated a dark-fiber link stretching between New York City and Washington acquired from Metromedia Fiber Network. The OC-48 link can carry up to 2.4 gigabits per second.

Metromedia expands relationship with Allegiance

19-Apr-1999 -- New York-based dark-fiber firm Metromedia Fiber Network today said it has landed the first customer along its Dallas area network; namely CLEC operator Allegiance Telecom, a carrier based in Dallas. The agreement gives Allegiance connections between 14 central offices. Allegiance already utilizes network capacity from Metromedia in the New York City area.

Metromedia inks pact with Level 3

14-Apr-1999 -- New York-based dark-fiber firm Metromedia Fiber Network has entered into an agreement to supply IP telephony carrier Level 3 Communications with local network capacity in the New York City and Washington areas. Level 3, which is building its own national IP long-haul backbone, has said it intends to offer IP-based competitive local services, as well. Metromedia's deal with Level 3 is pegged at about \$10 million.

Metromedia announces stock split

13-Apr-1999 -- New York-based dark-fiber CLEC firm Metromedia Fiber Network Inc. announced this morning that its board of directors has approved a two-for-one stock split of the company's class A and class B shares. The stock dividend is slated to be issued to shareholders of record as of May 3.

Metromedia reports year end results, announces German expansion plans

18-Mar-1999 -- New York-based dark-fiber firm Metromedia Fiber Network this morning reported its 1998 revenues hit \$36.4 million, compared to revenues of \$2.5 million during 1997. The carrier's 1998 net income was nearly \$1 million, compared to a net income loss of \$26.3 million during 1997. Meanwhile, Metromedia announced this week that its German subsidiary plans to construct a fiber-optic system in Frankfurt's banking and brokerage district. The network will be Metromedia's first intracity network in a major European market.

Metromedia, Time Warner Telecom reach pact

9-Mar-1999 -- Dark fiber CLEC firm Metromedia Fiber Network says it has signed a 20-year agreement to lease fiber-optic capacity stretching into New York and New Jersey to CLEC operator Time Warner Telecom. Officials at Time Warner Telecom say they plan to begin offering local, LD

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(BW)(NY-METROMEDIA-FIBER-NTWK)(MFNX) Metromedia Fiber Network Announces \$57 Million Dark Fiber Contract with Focal Communications Corporation

Business Editors

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)--June 15, 1999--Metromedia Fiber Network, Inc. (NASDAQ:MFNX) today announced the signing of a 20-year agreement valued at a minimum of \$57 million to provide dark fiber to Focal Communications Corporation (Focal). Under the terms of the agreement, Focal will gain access to high-speed, high-bandwidth, local loop infrastructure across all of Metromedia Fiber Network's Tier One metropolitan area markets in the United States.

Focal, a competitive local exchange carrier (CLEC), has recently announced key initiatives to expand its business strategy. Metromedia Fiber Network's dedicated fiber-optic infrastructure will enable Focal to cost-effectively control a portion of its transport capacity while meeting increasing traffic levels and customer demand.

"Securing dark fiber transport capacity from Metromedia Fiber Network is an important component of our business strategy expansion," said Robert Taylor, president and chief executive officer of Focal. "MFN's fiber connects directly into key customer buildings and central offices allowing us to capitalize on our relationships with existing and potential customers by providing them with the latest in data, voice and colocation services."

"This contract with Focal is further evidence of the critical role that Metromedia Fiber Network is playing in the development of the competitive communications market nationwide," stated Howard Finkelstein, president of Metromedia Fiber Network. "Their decision showcases the appeal of our high-bandwidth, unmetered dark fiber solution as an alternative to the incumbent's local network."

About Metromedia Fiber Network

Metromedia Fiber Network is building metropolitan fiber optic infrastructure in the local loop in strategic Tier One markets, enabling technologically sophisticated organizations to implement the latest data, video, Internet and multimedia applications. By offering virtually unlimited, unmetered bandwidth at a fixed cost, Metromedia Fiber Network is eliminating the bandwidth barrier and redefining the way broadband capacity is sold. Utilizing Metromedia Fiber Network's infrastructure, customers are able to rapidly deploy state-of-the-art optical networks. Communications carriers and Internet Service Providers gain local loop connectivity to the most highly populated metropolitan areas. Corporate and government customers benefit from private building-to-building networks featuring the fastest transmission speeds available and the highest levels of reliability and security. For more information about Metromedia Fiber Network, please visit the company's Web site at www.mmfn.com.

This news release contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Factors that could cause or contribute to such risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, general economic and business conditions, competition, changes in technology and methods of marketing, and various other factors beyond the Company's control. This also includes such factors as described from time to time in the SEC reports filed by Metromedia Fiber Network, including the most recently filed Forms 10-K and 10Q.

About Focal Communications Corporation

Focal Communications Corporation, headquartered in Chicago, is a facilities-based communications provider that offers data, voice and colocation services to large corporations, Internet service providers and value-added resellers. Focal currently services 12 large, metropolitan markets and has announced plans to deploy service in a total of 20 markets nationwide by the end of year 2000, encompassing 50 metropolitan statistical areas.

Additional information is available on Focal's Web site at www.focal.com.

The foregoing discussion regarding Focal Communications Corporation contains forward-looking statements. Focal's future performance is subject to numerous risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to deviate substantially from those discussed in these forward-looking statements. Factors that could impact future results include but are not limited to: successful execution of Focal's expansion activities into new geographic markets on a timely and cost-effective basis; the successful introduction and expansion of voice and data service offerings on a timely and cost-effective basis; the pace at which new competitors enter Focal's existing and planned markets; competitive responses of other carriers; execution of interconnection agreements with incumbent local exchange carriers on terms satisfactory to Focal; acceptance of the Focal's services by new and existing customers; Focal's ability to raise sufficient capital on acceptable terms and on a timely basis; the outcome of legal and regulatory proceedings regarding reciprocal compensation for Internet-related calls; the ability to attract and retain talented employees; effective management of administrative, technical and operational issues presented by Focal's expansion plans; our ability to address successfully Year 2000 remediation issues and Focal's ability to successfully access markets, install switching electronics, and obtain the use of fiber transport facilities and any required governmental authorizations, franchises and permits, all in a timely manner, at reasonable costs and on satisfactory terms and conditions, as well as regulatory, legislative and judicial developments that could cause actual results to differ materially from the future results indicated, expressed or implied, in such forward-looking statements. Investors are directed to examine Focal's SEC filings, which more fully describe the risks and uncertainties associated with Focal's business.

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(BW)(NY-METROMEDIA-FIBER-NTWK)(MFNX) Metromedia Fiber Network Announces First Dallas Customer

Business & Hi-Tech Editors

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)--April 19, 1999--

Allegiance Telecom to Take Advantage of
Fiber Optic Infrastructure throughout Metropolitan Area

Metromedia Fiber Network, Inc. (NASDAQ:MFNX) today announced that Allegiance Telecom (NASDAQ:ALGX) will become the first customer to take advantage of the company's Southwest local loop infrastructure. This contract represents Metromedia Fiber Network's second dark fiber lease agreement with Allegiance Telecom. Previously, the company announced it would provide Allegiance with dark fiber infrastructure in the New York metropolitan area.

Metromedia Fiber Network constructs high-bandwidth fiber optic networks in major Tier One metropolitan areas, providing an alternative local loop infrastructure to CLECs and other communications carriers. Metromedia Fiber Network will provide Allegiance a ring-based network, connecting fourteen major central offices as well as key centers of business, finance and technology spanning the Dallas metropolitan area, including Richardson, Farmers Branch and Irving, Texas. Utilizing Metromedia Fiber Network's dedicated infrastructure, Allegiance can serve its customers in the Dallas County region using a one hundred percent private fiber-based network that is fast, reliable, secure and capable of supporting the most advanced telecommunications technologies available today.

"Dallas County is one of the fastest growing markets in Texas, attracting a number of new high-tech and information dependent finance and service organizations, and driving increased demand for complex communications services," said Howard Finkelstein, president of Metromedia Fiber Network. "By leasing dedicated dark fiber networks in the local loop, we are enabling the exciting new breed of telecommunications carriers like Allegiance Telecom to access these burgeoning telecommunications markets rapidly and cost-effectively. We're pleased that Allegiance has become a second-time customer and thrilled to announce them as the first CLEC to take advantage of our Dallas infrastructure." - more - Page 2 MFN/Allegiance Telecom Release

About Allegiance Telecom

Allegiance is a facilities-based competitive local exchange carrier headquartered in Dallas, Texas. The Company's web address is www.allegiance.com. Allegiance's common stock is traded on the NASDAQ National Market under the symbol ALGX.

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Utilizing Metromedia Fiber Network's infrastructure, customers are able to rapidly deploy state-of-the-art optical networks. Communications carriers and Internet Service Providers gain local loop connectivity to the most highly populated metropolitan areas. Corporate and government customers benefit from private building-to-building networks featuring the fastest transmission speeds available and the highest levels of reliability and security. In addition to its current nationwide expansion in 11 major US cities, Metromedia Fiber Network is entering the international market with fiber optic network builds in Germany, and the provision of transatlantic bandwidth capacity through International Optical Network (ION), a joint venture with Racal Telecom of the United Kingdom. For more information about Metromedia Fiber Network, please visit the company's Web site at www.mmfnc.com.

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**(BW)(NY-METROMEDIA-FIBER-NTWK)(MFNX) Bell Atlantic and Metromedia
Fiber Network Reach Landmark Agreement to Facilitate Fiber Distribution in Bell
Atlantic Central Offices**

Business & Hi-Tech Editors

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)--June 14, 1999--

Agreement Will Provide CLEC Customers with Rapid and
Cost-Effective Dark Fiber Connectivity Inside Bell Atlantic
Central Offices

Metromedia Fiber Network, Inc. (NASDAQ: MFNX) and Bell Atlantic (NYSE: BEL) have signed an unprecedented agreement that enables Metromedia Fiber Network (MFN) to implement dark fiber connectivity within all Bell Atlantic central offices.

This industry-first accord provides a fast, efficient way for competitive local exchange carriers (CLECs) to enter the local telecommunications market by allowing these CLECs to utilize MFN's fiber to connect directly to Bell Atlantic's network or another CLEC's network.

Under the agreement, Metromedia Fiber Network will install hundreds of 'dark fibers' in Bell Atlantic's equipment buildings (central offices or COs) but will not be required to locate the lines in a separate area known as a collocation cage or space. Dark fibers are fiber optic strands that provide virtually unlimited bandwidth for the transmission of data, video, voice and multi-media communications services.

This innovative arrangement, jointly developed by Metromedia Fiber Network and Bell Atlantic, is a first between a regional Bell company and a fiber provider. Never before has a non-incumbent local exchange carrier been able to deploy an inventory of fiber lines in an incumbent's CO without having to lease a collocation cage or space. MFN will now be able to pull a single, high-capacity cable to a universally accessible distribution point within Bell Atlantic's portion of a central office and sell the lines directly and efficiently to CLECs and other carrier customers.

Bell Atlantic and Metromedia Fiber Network will conduct an initial trial of the service in five Bell Atlantic central offices in New York City. Upon successful completion of the trial, MFN plans to offer connections in more than 100 Bell Atlantic COs in New York, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C. and Boston as well as in key COs and tandem switching centers within the Boston to Washington, D.C. corridor. MFN also plans to eventually expand fiber optic infrastructure availability in other central offices in Bell Atlantic's region.

"We're extremely excited by this agreement with Bell Atlantic," said Howard Finkelstein, president of Metromedia Fiber Network. "It creates a framework that complements Metromedia Fiber Network's business strategy of becoming the infrastructure provider of choice for CLECs, DSL providers, ISPs and other carriers competing in the dynamic communications marketplace.

"The scope of the new opportunity is significant because of what it has created for carrier customers and because it creates a model for the creation of fiber connectivity to central offices throughout the country," added Finkelstein.

With Metromedia Fiber Network's high fiber count optical infrastructure available in key central offices, CLECs will gain immediate, unrestricted and unmetered bandwidth connectivity in these vital communications centers, further increasing time to market and cost advantages.

According to Jack Goldberg, president of Bell Atlantic's Telecom Industry Services, "the innovative service enables fiber providers to quickly and cost effectively compete with Bell Atlantic to provide connections between central offices known as interoffice transport facilities.

"Our negotiations with Metromedia Fiber Network have resulted in an original solution that can serve as the foundation for direct fiber connectivity in Bell Atlantic central offices," said Goldberg. "This will not only provide more options for CLECs entering the market, but it will further promote

the development and availability of cutting-edge communications packages that combine voice, video and data services."

Finkelstein said: "Our thanks go to the FCC as well as the New York State Public Service Commission and Bell Atlantic for working with us to make this agreement possible. The creative framework to which Bell Atlantic and Metromedia Fiber Network agreed was the result of over one year of steady negotiations and indicates a true commitment to increasing the competitive landscape of communications in the region."

About Bell Atlantic

Bell Atlantic is at the forefront of the new communications and information industry. With 43 million telephone access lines and nine million wireless customers worldwide, Bell Atlantic companies are premier providers of advanced wireline voice and data services, market leaders in wireless services and the world's largest publishers of directory information. Bell Atlantic companies are also among the world's largest investors in high-growth global communications markets, with operations and investments in 23 countries.

Internet Users:

Bell Atlantic news releases, executive speeches, news media contacts and other useful information are available at Bell Atlantic's News Center on the World Wide Web (<http://www.ba.com>). To receive news releases by email, visit the News Center and register for personalized automatic delivery of Bell Atlantic news releases.

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(BW)(NY-METROMEDIA-FIBER-NTWK)(MFNX) Metromedia Fiber Network Creates Coast-to-Coast Optical Network Virtually Overnight

Business and Technology Editors

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)--May 24, 1999--Metromedia Fiber Network, Inc. (NASDAQ:MFNX) today announced the creation of a nationwide fiber optic network connecting the company's current and planned Tier One metropolitan areas.

The company leveraged its local fiber optic infrastructure in an alliance with Williams Communications Group, Inc. to create a diverse coast-to-coast network. The transactions with Williams, combined with previously announced infrastructure agreements, bring Metromedia Fiber Network's total intercity infrastructure to more than 18,000 route miles.

The company also announced that Williams chose Metromedia Fiber Network as a primary intracity dark fiber provider in all of MFN's current Tier One metropolitan areas as well as several future MFN markets nationwide. Through Metromedia Fiber Network's broad metropolitan area reach, Williams will gain direct dark fiber access to hundreds of strategic buildings in these markets.

The transactions, which are subject to completion and execution of definitive agreements, include dark fiber leases and maintenance components valued at more than \$230 million to each party, as well as

a component for an as yet to be determined amount of co-location space. In addition, Williams has agreed to lease direct dark fiber connections to at least 250 buildings for a minimum of \$87 million. The transactions extend over a 20-year term.

"This state-of-the-art national telecommunications network is a perfect complement to our proven strategy of building out high-capacity optical networks in major metropolitan markets," said Howard Finkelstein, president of Metromedia Fiber Network. "Our alliance with Williams enables us to take another major step in our mission to solve the bandwidth scarcity problem. Customers with multiple locations can now benefit from secure, reliable and fast building-to-building connections, whether those buildings are across the street or across the country."

Similarly, Williams is able to optimize its own intercity infrastructure by taking advantage of Metromedia Fiber Network's extensive metropolitan area networks to provide its customers with end-to-end capacity. Moreover, Metromedia Fiber Network will provide Williams with direct dark fiber connectivity to numerous buildings in the company's local markets through its Optical Access Ramps (OARs) that connect Metromedia Fiber Network's supertrunk fiber backbone into specific building locations. These OARs enable pure photonic transmission of voice, data and video that far surpasses transmission over existing phone lines in terms of speed and clarity.

"These agreements set the stage for a long-term, strategic relationship for our two companies and perfectly complement our wholesale capacity focus. Some of our carrier customers, in fact, already have local connectivity through Metromedia Fiber Network," observed Howard E. Janzen, president and CEO of Williams Communications. "The alliance leverages the competencies of Williams in building and operating a long-haul, nationwide broadband network with MFN's expertise in constructing metropolitan area networks and accessing buildings."

About Williams (NYSE:WMB)

Williams, through its subsidiaries, provides a full range of communications and energy services. Williams Communications owns and operates a nationwide fiber-optic network, sells, installs and maintains communications equipment and provides other services throughout the United States and Canada. Williams information is available at www.williams.com.

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(BW)(NY-METROMEDIA-FIBER/LEVEL-3)(MFNX)(LVLT) Metromedia Fiber Network to Provide Level 3 Communications with High-Capacity Local Loop Connections in the New York and Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Areas

Business/Technology Editors

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)--April 14, 1999--Metromedia Fiber Network, Inc. (Nasdaq:MFNX) today announced the signing of a contract to provide Level 3 Communications, Inc. (Nasdaq:LVLT) with local loop infrastructure in the New York and Washington, D.C. metropolitan areas. As Metromedia Fiber Network's newest dark fiber carrier customer, Level 3 will lease high-speed, high-bandwidth optical infrastructure enabling it to access these markets quickly and cost-effectively. The agreement is valued at approximately \$10 million and specific terms were not disclosed.

"Metromedia Fiber Network continues to play a critical role in bringing the benefits of high-speed, high-capacity optical networks to the local loop," said Howard Finkelstein, president of Metromedia Fiber Network. "Because the traditional ILEC networks are so bandwidth prohibitive, Level 3 and other major carriers continue to seek more cost effective methods when accessing major metropolitan areas. Utilizing our dark fiber infrastructure allows carriers to accomplish this and access Tier One markets faster."

Metromedia Fiber Network is constructing high-bandwidth fiber optic networks in major Tier One markets, providing an alternative method of access in the local loop for communications carriers of all kinds. Metromedia Fiber Network's dark fiber infrastructure is capable of supporting various advanced communications technologies that enable customers to deploy the most advanced data, video, multimedia and Internet applications. In addition, the dark fiber network can support various switching technologies including Asynchronous Transfer Mode (ATM), Voice over IP, Synchronous Optical Network (SONET), gigabit Ethernet and Internet Protocol (IP).

Level 3 is building the first international network optimized for Internet Protocol technology. The Level 3 multi-conduit network will combine both local and long distance networks, connecting customers end-to-end across the U.S. and in Europe and Asia. By leasing fiber infrastructure from Metromedia Fiber Network, Level 3 can enter key local markets more rapidly, extending the reach of its existing and future facilities-based optical network throughout the New York/New Jersey and Washington D.C. regions.

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(BW)(NY-METROMEDIA-FIBER/LEVEL-3)(MFNX)(LVLT) Metromedia Fiber Network to Provide Level 3 Communications with High-Capacity Local Loop Connections in the New York and Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Areas

Business/Technology Editors

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)--April 14, 1999--Metromedia Fiber Network, Inc. (Nasdaq:MFNX) today announced the signing of a contract to provide Level 3 Communications, Inc. (Nasdaq:LVLT) with local loop infrastructure in the New York and Washington, D.C. metropolitan areas. As Metromedia Fiber Network's newest dark fiber carrier customer, Level 3 will lease high-speed, high-bandwidth optical infrastructure enabling it to access these markets quickly and cost-effectively. The agreement is valued at approximately \$10 million and specific terms were not disclosed.

"Metromedia Fiber Network continues to play a critical role in bringing the benefits of high-speed, high-capacity optical networks to the local loop," said Howard Finkelstein, president of Metromedia Fiber Network. "Because the traditional ILEC networks are so bandwidth prohibitive, Level 3 and other major carriers continue to seek more cost effective methods when accessing major metropolitan areas. Utilizing our dark fiber infrastructure allows carriers to accomplish this and access Tier One markets faster."

Metromedia Fiber Network is constructing high-bandwidth fiber optic networks in major Tier One markets, providing an alternative method of access in the local loop for communications carriers of all kinds. Metromedia Fiber Network's dark fiber infrastructure is capable of supporting various advanced communications technologies that enable customers to deploy the most advanced data, video, multimedia and Internet applications. In addition, the dark fiber network can support various switching technologies including Asynchronous Transfer Mode (ATM), Voice over IP, Synchronous Optical Network (SONET), gigabit Ethernet and Internet Protocol (IP).

Level 3 is building the first international network optimized for Internet Protocol technology. The Level 3 multi-conduit network will combine both local and long distance networks, connecting customers end-to-end across the U.S. and in Europe and Asia. By leasing fiber infrastructure from Metromedia Fiber Network, Level 3 can enter key local markets more rapidly, extending the reach of its existing and future facilities-based optical network throughout the New York/New Jersey and Washington D.C. regions.

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(BW)(NY-METROMEDIA-FIBER)(MFNX) Metromedia Fiber Network to Provide Time Warner Telecom with Dark Fiber Network in New York Metropolitan Area

Business Editors

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)--March 8, 1999--Metromedia Fiber Network, Inc. (NASDAQ:MFNX) today announced the addition of Time Warner Telecom as its newest carrier customer. Metromedia Fiber Network will provide Time Warner Telecom with high-speed, high-capacity dark fiber infrastructure in New York City and the New Jersey metropolitan area for a period of 20 years. Time Warner Telecom is in the process of launching its local telephone service for business customers in this region. Other terms of the agreement were not disclosed.

Metromedia Fiber Network is currently constructing high-bandwidth fiber optic networks in Tier One markets, providing an alternative infrastructure to CLECs and other communications carriers wishing to provide local telephone service for business and residential customers. The dark fiber infrastructure is capable of supporting various communications technologies, including SONET, ATM and Voice over IP, and provides carriers flexibility when determining how to best meet their subscribers' needs. By utilizing Metromedia Fiber Network's infrastructure, Time Warner Telecom can extend the reach of its existing facilities-based fiber network for serving medium to large businesses in the New York and New Jersey metropolitan area. Time Warner Telecom provides dedicated transport, long distance, high-speed dedicated Internet access and switched services.

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(BW)(METROMEDIA-FIBER-NETWRK)(MFNX) Metromedia Fiber Network Secures Dark Fiber Agreements Totaling More Than \$44 Million

Business/Technology Editors

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jan. 7, 1999--

Announces Separate Agreements with Intermedia Communications
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Metromedia Fiber Network, Inc. (NASDAQ: MFNX) today announced the signing of additional agreements with Intermedia Communications Inc. (NASDAQ: ICIX) and Hyperion Communications (NASDAQ: HYPT) to provide intra-city dark fiber in several Tier One metropolitan markets. The agreements total more than \$44 million and represent new business with current Metromedia Fiber Network clients.

"The decision by Intermedia and Hyperion to grow with us into new markets and expand their use of the dark fiber infrastructure that Metromedia Fiber Network is constructing in major Tier One markets, further demonstrates the appeal that our high bandwidth, unmetered dark fiber solution brings as a viable alternative to the incumbents' local networks," said Howard Finkelstein, president of Metromedia Fiber Network. "By delivering local loop optical solutions we are allowing the new breed of telecommunications provider to access new markets and new customers quickly and cost effectively."

The Intermedia agreement provides for dark fiber in the San Francisco and Silicon Valley region, enabling Intermedia to extend the reach of its' current communications network to the West Coast. In addition, Metromedia Fiber Network will provide Intermedia intra-city dark fiber infrastructure in the Boston and Cambridge area, making them the first Metromedia Fiber Network customer in this market. Metromedia Fiber Network will also provide Intermedia intra-city dark fiber for connecting points-of-presence and expanding service offerings in the New York, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C. and Chicago metropolitan areas. Since May of this year, Metromedia Fiber Network has signed contracts totaling more than \$56 million with Intermedia, one of the nation's fastest growing integrated telecommunications providers.

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(BW)(METROMEDIA-FIBER-NTWK)(MFNX) Metromedia Fiber Network Signs \$29 Million Network Lease Agreement with e.spire Communications, Inc.

Business/Telecommunications Editors

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Aug. 25, 1998--Metromedia Fiber Network, Inc. (NASDAQ:MFNX) today announced the signing of a pre-paid \$29 million agreement with e.spire Communications, Inc. (NASDAQ:ESPI), an integrated provider of telecommunications services.

Under the terms of the agreement, Metromedia Fiber Network will lease e.spire high-speed, virtually unlimited bandwidth dark fiber infrastructure over its intra-city networks in New York and Philadelphia. In addition, e.spire will lease fiber strands on Metromedia Fiber Network's inter-city corridor, from New York to Baltimore.

This agreement represents the first major contract between the two companies, providing e.spire with multiple fibers and rapid access to a technologically advanced optical network. This transaction accelerates e.spire's data network expansion, increasing the company's addressable market by 3.5 million access lines, while positioning the company as a strong telecommunications player on the eastern seaboard.

"Metromedia Fiber Network's fixed cost, unlimited bandwidth solution is eliminating the bandwidth barrier and future growth concerns for the new breed of telecommunications providers," said Howard Finkelstein, president of Metromedia Fiber Network. "This alliance with e.spire truly underscores the value that the new carriers are placing upon a dark fiber infrastructure solution."

"e.spire is very excited to enter this agreement with Metromedia Fiber Network which enables us to extend our rich set of facilities-based data and voice communications services into the northeast, delivering reliable service to our customers and establishing a foundation for higher margin platforms for our shareholders," said Jack E. Reich, president and CEO of e.spire Communications, Inc.

e.spire is a leading provider of integrated communications solutions, Internet and networking solutions, in markets throughout the United States. e.spire has been recognized as 1997's fastest-growing network company in the United States by Network World magazine. For more information on e.spire, contact www.espire.net on the Internet.

Metromedia Fiber Network, headquartered in the New York area, is a facilities-based provider of technologically advanced, high-bandwidth fiber optic communications networks to carrier and corporate/government customers within major U.S. markets. Metromedia Fiber Network's dark fiber services offer telecommunications carriers virtually unlimited bandwidth at a fixed cost, enabling them to reach beyond the technological limitations of existing networks and rapidly deploy state-of-the-art optical networks in critical Tier One metropolitan markets. Commercial users are provided high-capacity, cost-effective bandwidth solutions for network expansion and "last mile" connectivity. For more information about Metromedia Fiber Network, please visit the company's Web site at www.mmfnc.com.

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WinStar Gains Access To Metromedia Fiber Network's Intra-City Networks On Both Coasts, Including The Recently Announced San Francisco Network

Metromedia Fiber Network, Inc. (NASDAQ:MFNX) today announced the signing of an agreement with WinStar Communications, Inc. (NASDAQ:WCII) under which payments to Metromedia Fiber Network are to exceed \$40 million. Under the 25 year agreement, Metromedia Fiber Network will provide WinStar with high-capacity fiber optic infrastructure on its New York network and on the intra-city networks it is developing in Washington D.C., Philadelphia, Chicago and San Francisco, in addition to fiber on the New York to Washington D.C. inter-city corridor. This contract represents an expansion of the existing relationship between the two companies. WinStar had previously acquired leased fiber rights on Metromedia Fiber Network's backbone in New York City to interconnect the hub sites and switch in their New York City network. Today's announcement makes WinStar the first customer to take advantage of Metromedia Fiber Network's infrastructure on both Coasts. WinStar is leasing fiber covering large portions of the Metropolitan Areas in each market, including capacity on all 150 miles of the currently planned San Francisco Bay Area build. "WinStar is a new and innovative player in the communications industry, ready to take advantage of the speed, reliability, and value that our fiber optic infrastructure provides. We are particularly pleased that it has so quickly seized the opportunity in our newest market, becoming our first customer in the San Francisco Bay Area," said Howard Finkelstein, President of Metromedia Fiber Network.

"This contract demonstrates that our strategy of building intra-city networks within Tier One markets is extremely valuable, especially for the new breed of telecom carrier, such as WinStar, whose 38 GHz technology quickly and efficiently extends the broadband capacity of our fiber optic network to end users." Under the terms of the agreement, WinStar will lease fiber rings connecting vital business districts and major high-tech centers within the San Francisco, New York, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., and Chicago Metropolitan Areas. These rings, provided by Metromedia Fiber Network, will connect WinStar's switches and hub sites with each other and with key central and tandem switching offices. Metromedia Fiber Network's inter-city link between New York and Washington, D.C. will interconnect WinStar's network facilities on the East Coast, including New York, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., Stamford, Newark and Baltimore. "Metromedia Fiber Network has given us the ability to cost effectively interconnect our hub sites and switches in important metropolitan areas on both the East and West, and to rapidly interconnect all of our markets along the Eastern Corridor," said William J. Rouhana, Jr., CEO of WinStar Communications. "With this increased backbone capacity, we have ensured our ability to enhance our service offerings while continually adding new customers to our network." WinStar Communications, Inc. is a national local communications company, serving business customers, long distance carriers, fiber-based competitive access providers, mobile communications companies, local telephone companies and other customers with broadband local communications needs. The company provides its Wireless Fiber(SM) services using its licenses in the 38 GHz spectrum. The company also provides long distance, data, Internet and information services. More information on WinStar is available on the World Wide Web at www.winstar.com. Metromedia Fiber Network provides technologically advanced, high-bandwidth, private, fiber optic communications infrastructure within major U.S. markets. The Company provides its infrastructure to communications carriers competing in the local, long distance, wireless, and Internet markets as well as corporate/government customers requiring secure communications networks for the transmission of large amounts of voice, data and video. Metromedia

Fiber Network currently operates a fiber optic metropolitan area network in New York and is developing local fiber optic infrastructure along strategic routes in San Francisco, Chicago, Philadelphia, Washington D.C. and Boston and intercity links connecting these local markets. The Company has established a joint venture, known as ION, with Racal Telecom of the United Kingdom that will begin providing broadband capacity between the United States and the United Kingdom later this year. For more information about Metromedia Fiber Network, please visit the company's Web site at www.mmfn.com. This news release contains certain forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Factors that could cause or contribute to such risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, general economic and business conditions, competition, changes in technology and methods of marketing, and various other factors beyond the Company's control. This also includes such factors as described from time to time in the SEC reports filed by Metromedia Fiber Network, including the most recently filed Form 10-Q.

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Under the terms of the agreement, WinStar will lease fiber rings connecting vital business districts and major high-tech centers within the San Francisco, New York, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., and Chicago Metropolitan Areas. These rings, provided by Metromedia Fiber Network, will connect WinStar's switches and hub sites with each other and with key central and tandem switching offices. Metromedia Fiber Network's inter-city link between New York and Washington, D.C. will interconnect WinStar's network facilities on the East Coast, including New York, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., Stamford, Newark and Baltimore.

"Metromedia Fiber Network has given us the ability to cost effectively interconnect our hub sites and switches in important metropolitan areas on both the East and West, and to rapidly interconnect all of our markets along the Eastern Corridor," said William J. Rouhana, Jr., CEO of WinStar Communications. "With this increased backbone capacity, we have ensured our ability to enhance our service offerings while continually adding new customers to our network."

WinStar Communications, Inc. is a national local communications company, serving business customers, long distance carriers, fiber-based competitive access providers, mobile communications companies, local telephone companies and other customers with broadband local communications needs. The company provides its Wireless Fiber(SM) services using its licenses in the 38 GHz spectrum. The company also provides long distance, data, Internet and information services. More information on WinStar is available on the World Wide Web at www.winstar.com.

Metromedia Fiber Network provides technologically advanced, high-bandwidth, private, fiber optic communications infrastructure within major U.S. markets. The Company provides its infrastructure to communications carriers competing in the local, long distance, wireless, and Internet markets as well as corporate/government customers requiring secure communications networks for the transmission of large amounts of voice, data and video. Metromedia Fiber Network currently operates a fiber optic metropolitan area network in New York and is developing local fiber optic infrastructure along strategic routes in San Francisco, Chicago, Philadelphia, Washington D.C. and Boston and intercity links connecting these local markets. The Company has established a joint venture, known as ION, with Racal Telecom of the United Kingdom that will begin providing broadband capacity between the United States and the United Kingdom later this year. For more information about Metromedia Fiber Network, please visit the company's Web site at www.mmfn.com.

This news release contains certain forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Factors that could cause or contribute to such risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, general economic and business conditions, competition, changes in technology and methods of marketing, and various other factors beyond the Company's control. This also includes such factors as described from time to time in the SEC reports filed by Metromedia Fiber Network, including the most recently filed Form 10-Q.

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Hyperion downgraded

16-Jul-1999 -- First Union Capital Markets has downgraded its recommendation on Coudersport, Pa.,-based CLEC firm Hyperion Telecommunications from "buy" to "outperform," according to *Breifing.com*.

Hyperion takes on name of parent

1-Jul-1999 -- Coudersport, Pa.,-based CLEC firm Hyperion Telecommunications is adopting the name of its cable company parent, Adelphia Communications Corp., as its own branding moniker. Specifically, Hyperion will begin marketing its voice and data services under the name Adelphia Business Solutions. However, the CLEC will continue to report financial data under the corporate name of Hyperion Telecommunications Inc. Hyperion officials say the name change is an effort to develop a single brand in the communications marketplace.

Hyperion declares dividend

22-Jun-1999 -- CLEC firm Hyperion Communications of Coudersport, Pa., has declared a quarterly dividend of .0321875 senior preferred shares on each of its of 12.875 percent senior exchangeable redeemable preferred stock due 2007. The dividend is payable to shareholders of record as of July 1.

Hyperion signs deal with CapRock

25-May-1999 -- Coudersport, Pa.,-based CLEC operator Hyperion Communications has inked an agreement with Dallas-based regional communications provider CapRock Communications that gives Hyperion lease rights to CapRock's 1,650-mile network now under development. The network will pass through Dallas, Fort Worth, Oklahoma City and Little Rock among other cities. The network is scheduled to be completed in December.

Hyperion inks equipment deal with Carrier Access

20-May-1999 -- Coudersport, Pa.,-based CLEC firm Hyperion Communications plans to spend as much as \$50 million over five years on networking equipment from Carrier Access Corp. Specifically, the deal covers Carrier Access's entire line, including Access Bank-brand, Wide Bank-brand, and Access Navigator-brand systems. Hyperion is expected to take delivery on initial equipment this month.

Hyperion releases first-quarter numbers

17-May-1999 -- CLEC operator Hyperion Telecommunications today said its first-quarter revenues hit \$21.4 million, while its first-quarter net loss was \$36.1 million. During the first quarter the carrier sold nearly 37,000 access lines. As of March 31, the carrier had nearly 145,000 access lines in service.

Hyperion and e.spire forge agreement

15-Apr-1999 -- CLECs Hyperion Communications of Coudersport, Pa., and Annapolis Junction, Md.,-based e.spire Communications have signed a pact that will allow Hyperion to expand into 14 additional markets. Under terms of the agreement, Hyperion will have access to 576 route miles of fiber optics. The deal also provides e.spire a long-term license to access capacity along Hyperion's South Florida network. Moreover, e.spire's ACSI Network Technologies construction arm is slated to do \$30 million worth of work for Hyperion during the next four years, as outlined in the agreement.

Entergy to sell CLEC operations to Hyperion

5-Apr-1999 -- New Orleans-based electric utility Entergy Corp. has announced plans to sell its joint-venture competitive local service operations in Baton Rouge, La., Little Rock, Ark., and Jackson, Miss., to CLEC partner Hyperion of Coudersport, Pa., for about \$36 million. Entergy and Hyperion announced a partnership in early 1997 to construct the systems. But last summer Entergy said it planned to divest certain of its peripheral business lines to concentrate on its core energy operations.

Search By Keyword: "KMC"

KMC in deal with PSINet

19-Jul-1999 -- CLEC firm KMC Telecom of Tallahassee, Fla., will provide primary rate interface ISDN circuits to Herndon, Va.,-based PSINet, national IP-services firm, in Tallahassee and Fort Myers. Under terms of the deal, PSINet plans to collocate access equipment at KMC central office locations.

KMC deploying voice-activated systems

16-Jun-1999 -- Bedminster, N.J.,-based KMC Telecom Holdings Inc. plans to deploy Preferred Voice Inc. speech-recognition systems in 23 markets by the end of 1999. The systems feature technology from Philips Electronics NV. The systems will allow KMC to offer voice-activated dialing and voice-mail services. KMC will spend \$12 million on the systems.

KMC plans DSL launch

7-Jun-1999 -- Bedminster, N.J.,-based carrier KMC Telecom is planning to join the ranks of CLECs jumping on the DSL bandwagon. Specifically, the competitive carrier plans deployment of DSL connectivity in its current markets, including Baton Rouge, La., Fort Wayne, Ind., and Pensacola, Fla.

KMC to supply capacity to MCI WorldCom

5-May-1999 -- Bedminster, N.J.,-based CLEC firm KMC Telecom today announced it has inked a five-year deal to provide MCI WorldCom with dedicated local-access services in 18 markets. Financial terms of the agreement weren't disclosed.

KMC details first quarter financials.

28-Apr-1999 -- Bedminster, N.J.,-based CLEC KMC Telecom firm says its first-quarter revenues were \$11.1 million compared to \$2.8 million during the same quarter last year. Meanwhile, the carrier's first-quarter EBITDA loss was \$24.5 million, compared to an EBITDA loss of \$7.6 million during the same period of 1998. As of March 31, KMC had nearly 65,000 access lines in service.

KMC details quarterly results

4-Feb-1999 -- Bedminster, N.J.,-based KMC Telecom Holdings Inc. says its fourth-quarter, 1998, revenues reached \$8.8 million, compared to revenues of \$1.9 million during the same period of 1997. The carrier's fourth-quarter net loss was \$23.1 million compared to a net loss of \$21.9 million during the same period of 1997.

KMC plans big Lucent equipment buy

4-Feb-1999 -- KMC Telecom has inked a deal with Lucent Technologies to purchase a bevy of network equipment over four years. The agreement covers switching systems, transport equipment and access units, among other technology. As part of the deal Lucent has agreed to grant KMC \$250 million in equipment financing. Meanwhile, KMC also plans a \$65 million private placement of preferred stock. Newcourt Capital Inc. leads the list of buyers.

CLECs petition FCC

2-Feb-1999 -- CLECs Allegiance Telecom of Dallas and KMC Telecom of Bedminster, N.J., have each asked the FCC to ensure that incumbent phone companies are made to comply with competitive provisions of the 1996 telecom act. In particular, Allegiance has filed a petition asking the FCC to put in place rules that would "ensure continued compliance" with the act even after an RBOC is granted approval to offer long-distance services. So far the FCC has approved no RBOC's LD bid. Meanwhile, KMC, in a letter addressed to FCC Chairman William Kennard, has asked the Commission to implement new competitive incentives that will encourage incumbents to avoid anti-competitive tactics.



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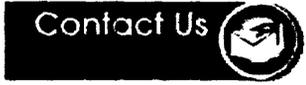
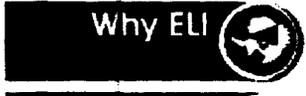
Agreement expands Electric Lightwave's competitive phone services to upper Midwest states; provides service alternative for Touch America customers while TA expands its network



VANCOUVER, Wash. - March 29, 1999 - Electric Lightwave Inc. (NASDAQ: ELIX), one of the nation's leading integrated communications providers, and Touch America, the telecommunications subsidiary of The Montana Power Co. (NYSE:MTP), today announced a reciprocal agreement between the two companies.



"Touch America's network extends Electric Lightwave's ability to provide competitive, private line and wholesale long-distance telecommunications services in Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota and Minnesota," said Rudy Zaragoza, Electric Lightwave's director of network services. "Forming this alliance is a great fit for Electric Lightwave because it links our network across the northern US, from the Northeast to the Northwest, and advances Electric Lightwave's strategic plan to provide service nationwide."



"This reciprocal agreement allows Touch America to offer private line services on Electric Lightwave's network at competitive prices," said Kevin Dennehy, Touch America's director of marketing and sales. "Electric Lightwave's network is in areas where Touch America's customers may have a need for service. This agreement provides us additional options as we continue to expand our 10,000-mile fiber network."



Sharing cost-effective access to companies' strategically located fiber networks is a key feature of reciprocal agreements. It allows economical use of assets, provides customer service at competitive rates while additional infrastructure is built and avoids unnecessary fiber buildouts.

About Electric Lightwave: Electric Lightwave, Inc. (NASDAQ: ELIX) is the leading integrated communications provider of enhanced data services, frame relay, ATM and Internet access solutions to bandwidth intensive businesses and the growing e-commerce market. The company offers long distance, data and prepaid services nationwide. As a full-service provider, the company offers local, long distance, videoconferencing and high-speed broadband transport via an expanding fiber optic network that interconnects major markets in the West. The company owns and operates Metropolitan Area Networks in Seattle, Spokane, Wash., Portland, Ore., Sacramento, Calif., Phoenix, Salt Lake City and Boise, Idaho. Headquartered in Vancouver, Wash., Electric Lightwave employs 1,100. Revenues in 1998 were \$101 million, up 65 percent from 1997's \$61 million. Electric Lightwave is on the World Wide Web at www.eli.net and <http://data.eli.net>.

About Touch America: Touch America is a wholly-owned telecommunications subsidiary of The Montana Power Company (NYSE:MTP), providing long distance services, private line services, Internet, and business telephone equipment since 1983. The company's digital fiber optic network employs the most advanced telecommunications technology available today. Touch America offers a full line of long distance services, as well as dedicated voice, data, video services and frame relay

solutions. Touch America's equipment services include design, installation, and maintenance of PBX and key systems. The company also offers construction management oversight of the installation of fiber-optic systems. Touch America and The Montana Power Company are based in Butte, Mont. Information about Touch America can be found at www.mtpower.com.

Forward-Looking Information is Subject to Risk and Uncertainty: This release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Forward-looking statements should be read with the cautionary statements and important factors included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1997 at Item 7, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Conditions and Results of Operations - Safe Harbor for Forward-Looking Statements."

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