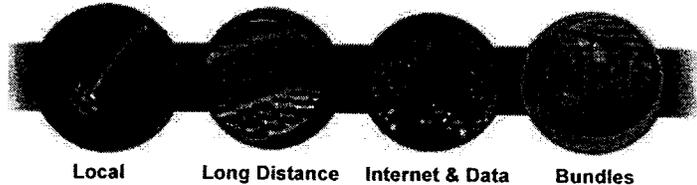




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PBX Trunks

NewSouth Communications offers comprehensive service designed to complement your existing PBX or Hybrid Key system.

Business Exchange Lines

NewSouth Communications' Business Exchange Lines enable you to customize the features and functionality of your telephone.

Extended NewArea

If your business places a large number of calls beyond our expanded local calling area, then Extended NewArea™ is designed for you.

Point-to-Point

NewSouth Communications' Point-to-Point functions as a private line between two or more locations. Your business can have continuous access to 4-digit dialing and high-speed data transfer to those locations you call most often.

Long Distance Service

Whether you're calling across the world or across your state, NewSouth Communications has the right long distance solution for your business.

International Long Distance

NewSouth Communications offers international calling to over 240 countries. Unlike other telecommunications providers, NewSouth Communications aggregates your monthly recurring charges.

800 Access

800 service is an easy and convenient way for your customers to contact you...at no charge to them.

Account Codes

NewSouth Communications' customers can track local and long distance calls by caller, department or client using our advanced Account Code system.

Small Business Solutions

Small Business Solutions enables businesses with as few as two lines to enjoy the savings of a competitive telecommunications provider. Your small business will enjoy savings of 15-20% off your current BellSouth services. Finally, small businesses have a choice.

Voice Mail

NewMessaging™ provides customers a flexible and powerful tool that can answer phone calls, take messages, and store them for review at a later time.

Conference Calling

Harness the power of the conference call for employees, customers and vendors with NewConferencing™ from NewSouth Communications. This service lets you organize a conference call between three or 300 people quickly and easily.

Phone Cards

When you are away from the office, our Phone Card puts all the benefits of NewSouth Communications right in your pocket. Calls can be made from almost anywhere to just about everywhere in the world.

Enhanced Features

Expand your communication capabilities with our suite of advanced voice features. These include an Individualized Dialing Plan, Multi-way Calling, Queuing, and Customer Recovery options.

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NewSouth Communications is leading the industry with LANLock, a managed Internet security product that brings the latest in small-business network protection to your small business.

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NewSouth.net, our high-speed Internet product, brings you the World Wide Web with the touch of a button. Your connection is fast and it's secure - the bandwidth you purchase is guaranteed.

Private Networking

Netosphere, can provide your business with a comprehensive, custom-designed private networking solution for high-speed business communications. With a flexible, cost-effective private network, you will mobilize your business by sharing information and applications between sites.

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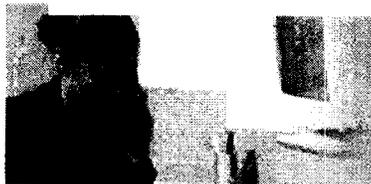
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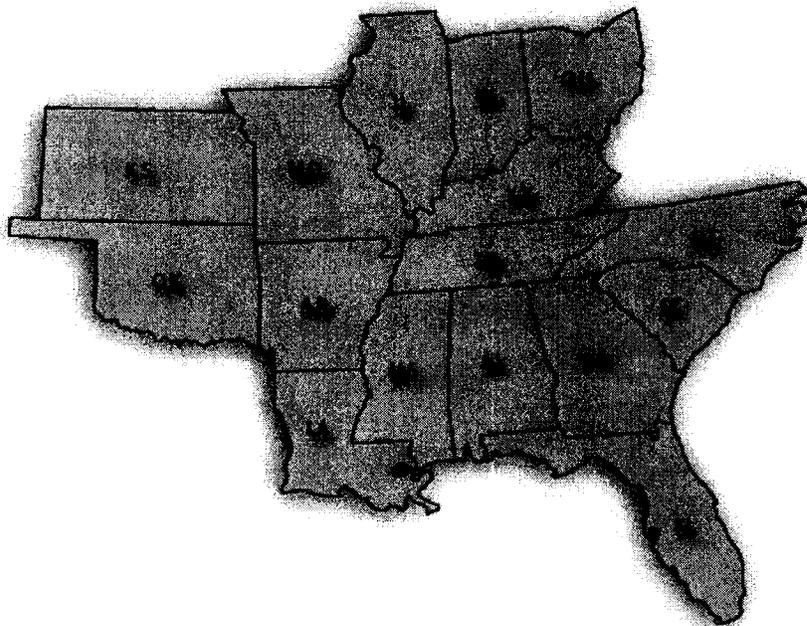
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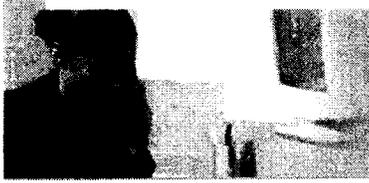
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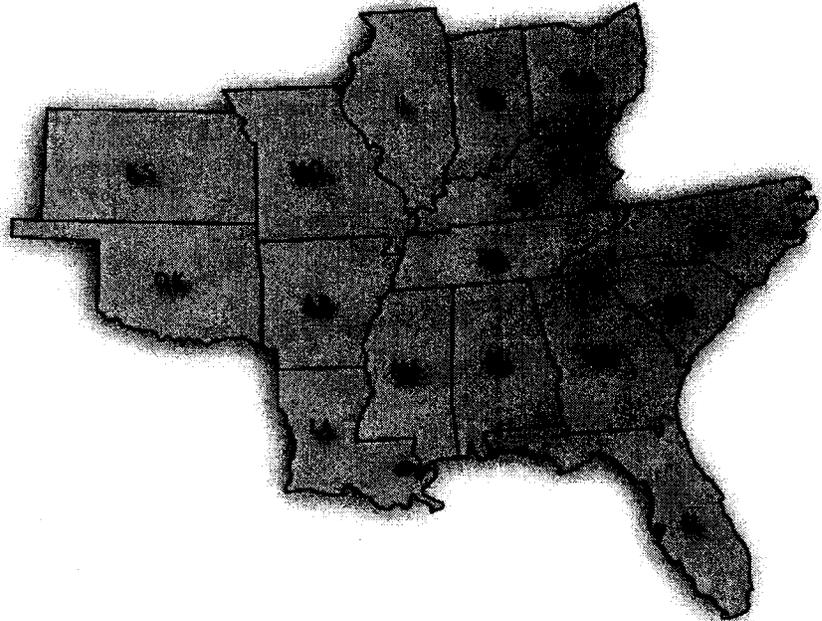
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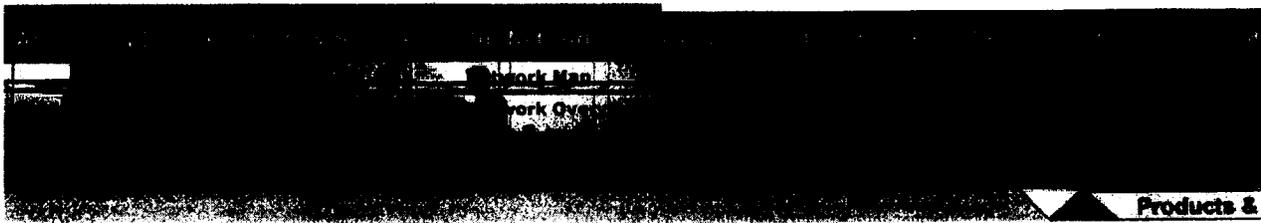
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- Channel access (DS0)
- ISDN PRI (primary rate interface)
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- Foreign exchange

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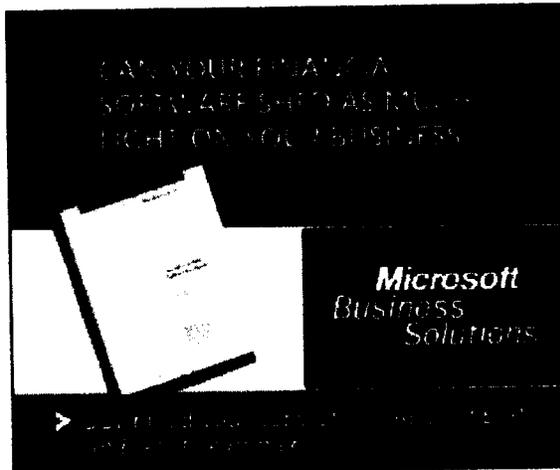
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Memphis Networkx, US LEC ink deal for network service

Michael Sheffield

Memphis Networkx and Charlotte-based US LEC are partnering to provide US LEC's Memphis customer base with an alternative network to BellSouth.



US LEC offers voice and data service to business clients in 15 eastern states, as well as in Memphis and Jackson, including Gossett Motors and Sneed Cos.

Networkx, which has a fiber network throughout the city, and US LEC

have been working together for nearly six months on a smaller scale. Typically, Networkx provides collocation services for clients in its local headquarters, but Networkx is leasing its fiber network to service US LEC clients at locations throughout the city.

The partnership is important to both companies due to the potential elimination of the Telecom Act of 1996, which was designed to "create more competition in the telecommunications industry" by helping CLECs -- like US LEC -- come into new markets and establish service. The act might be eliminated by the FCC by 2005.

BellSouth's smaller competitors say the death of the telecom act will result in less competition, but companies like Networkx make it possible for US LEC and other companies to bypass BellSouth.



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Typically in other cities US LEC has to partner with BellSouth, Verizon or Time Warner and use either fiber or copper lines provided by those companies. The use of Networkx by US LEC offers the company a local option that is not affiliated with the larger corporations. Networkx can keep their prices competitive because they use their own fiber network.

Kathy Birdsong, director of sales for US LEC in Memphis, says US LEC looks at multiple providers in different cities and the company enjoys having the option of a company like Networkx in Memphis.

"We evaluate all of our providers on the cost structure, response time, service level and guarantees to make sure we provide the highest level of service to our customers, because it's invisible to them, but we have to make sure everything works well," she says.

Charles Elliott, director of service operations for Memphis Networkx, says the services Networkx provides to US LEC is the core of their business.

"That's why we're here, to help customers like US LEC be competitive and enhance the telecommunications landscape of Memphis," he says.

Elliott says Networkx is at an advantage because they offer fiber instead of copper lines. Fiber lends itself easier to upgrade and increased bandwidth.

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XSPEDIUS TO ACQUIRE E.SPIRE FOR \$68 MILLION

LAKE CHARLES, LA. (June 3, 2002) – Xspedius Management Corp. LLC ("XMC") today announced that it has received bankruptcy court approval to acquire substantially all of the assets of e.spire Communications, Inc. ("e.spire") pursuant to a sale order by the US Bankruptcy Court in e.spire's ongoing bankruptcy proceedings. XMC will acquire e.spire's competitive local switching and fiber assets in 36 markets spanning 19 states as well as e.spire's ACSI Network Technologies fiber and conduit assets located in California, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, Texas, Virginia and the District of Columbia. The purchase consideration includes \$18 million of cash, a \$50 million note secured by the assets of ACSI Network Technologies, and an ongoing ownership interest in XMC. The e.spire assets and operations to be acquired by XMC have an original invested capital basis of \$1.6 billion and generated \$164 million of annualized revenue as reflected in 1Q 2002 results.

XMC is an affiliate of Xspedius Holdings Corp. ("Xspedius"), a competitive communications carrier based in Lake Charles, Louisiana, that operates in the southeastern U.S. XMC (founded by former Brooks Fiber executives James Allen & Mark Senda) and Xspedius are both affiliated with Thermo Telecom Partners LLC ("Thermo"), The 1818 Fund III, L.P. (a limited partnership managed by Brown Brothers Harriman) and the Meritage Private Equity Funds. Brown Brothers Harriman & Co advised XMC and Xspedius in this transaction.

James C. Allen, Chairman of Xspedius Corp., will also serve as Chairman of Xspedius Management Co. Mr. Allen has a distinguished track record of success in the competitive telecommunications industry. Mr. Allen co-founded Brooks Fiber Properties, Inc. and served as its Chief Executive Officer and Vice Chairman until its sale to Worldcom for \$3.4 billion. Commenting on the acquisition of e.spire, Mr. Allen said "The acquisition of e.spire represents a significant opportunity for Xspedius and its stakeholders. e.spire, as a company, is approximately the same size as Brooks Fiber when we sold it to WorldCom in 1998. It represents the finest collection of debt-free local fiber assets in the United States today. We look forward to applying the same management skills we used at Brooks Fiber to improve the quality and extent of service offerings to our customers."

Mark W. Senda, President & Chief Executive officer of Xspedius Corp., will serve Xspedius Management Co. in that same capacity. Mr. Senda has been a leader in the competitive telecommunications industry for the past two decades. Prior to joining Xspedius, Mr. Senda served in executive positions with AT&T Canada, MFS Communications, and Brooks Fiber Properties, Inc. Commenting on the transaction, Mr. Senda stated "Our desire to pursue e.spire in this proceeding is based upon our belief that it offers the finest collection of networks, customers and employees available today within the competitive communications industry."

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e.spire Communications, Inc., an integrated communications provider, offers traditional local and long distance, dedicated Internet access, and advanced data solutions, including ATM and frame relay. e.spire's subsidiary, ACSI Network Technologies, Inc., provides third parties, including other communications concerns, municipalities, and corporations, with turnkey fiber-optic design, construction, and project management expertise. More information about e.spire is available at e.spire's Web site, www.espire.net.

About Xspedius

Xspedius, an ICP (Integrated Communications Provider) company headquartered in Lake Charles, Louisiana, offers integrated voice, data and Internet services to small and medium-sized businesses throughout the southeastern states. For more information about Xspedius, visit www.xspedius.com.

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Anonymous Call Rejection (ACR)

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Anonymous Call Rejection (ACR) can be activated and/or deactivated at the Customer's discretion. ACR is provisioned in an inactive status and must be initially turned on by the Customer. See charts for activation and deactivation codes and confirmation tones:

SERVICE	ACTIVATION CODE	DEACTIVATION CODE
TOUCH-TONE	*77	*87
PULSE/ROTARY	1177	1187

Automatic Call Back (ACB)

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Automatic Call Back (ACB) must be activated by the Customer. ACB is provisioned in an inactive status and must be initially turned on by the Customer. See charts for activation codes and confirmation messages:

SERVICE	ACTIVATION CODE
TOUCH-TONE	*69
PULSE/ROTARY	1169

ACTION	CONFIRMATION MESSAGE
*69 Activated	A confirmation message that repeats the telephone number of the last incoming call will be heard upon activation.
Subscriber is prompted	The recording advises the subscriber to enter the additional digit #1 (rotary, pulse or touch-tone) to continue with feature activation or hang up to end activation

Automatic Recall

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Automatic Recall is activated by a customer dialed code, which automatically redials the last number attempted.

SERVICE	ACTIVATION CODE
TOUCH-TONE	*66
PULSE/ROTARY	1166

If	Then
The line is not busy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The call will complete
The line is busy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Customer will hear a confirmation tone and hang up Once the Customer hangs up, the network will monitor the busy/idle status of both lines every 45 seconds for up to 30 minutes The network will begin 30 minute queuing process
Both lines are idle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Customer receives ring back tone (short, short, long) Customer picks up receiver Network completes call
Subscriber doesn't answer or is on another call	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The network attempts to ring back every 5 minutes for the remainder of the 30 minute queuing process
Subscriber still wants to place the call and the line stays busy for over 30 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Customer should dial the telephone number once again Hang up receiver Dial *66 (1166 - Pulse/Rotary)

Call Block

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Call Block can be activated and/or deactivated at the Customer's discretion. Call Block is provisioned in an inactive status and must be initially turned on by the Customer. See charts for activation and deactivation codes:

SERVICE	ACTIVATION CODE	DEACTIVATION CODE
TOUCH-TONE	*60	*80
PULSE/ROTARY	1160	1180

To Activate/Deactivate Call Block, follow the steps below:

Step	Action
1	Hang up from unwanted call
2	Pick up telephone to get dial tone
3	Dial *60 (1160 Pulse/Rotary dial)
4	Dial 3 to activate your call block list (first entry only) (If done again, Call Block service will deactivate)
5	Listen for announcement followed by beep tone
6	Dial #01# (1201 Pulse/Rotary dial)
7	This number will be considered a private entry and will be read back as Private (See Note)
8	Either continue to edit the list or hang up

To Activate Call Block and edit numbers for the screening list, follow the steps below:

Step	Action
1	Pick up the telephone and listen for dial tone
2	Dial *60 (1160 Pulse/Rotary dial)
3	To activate Call Block with existing screening list, hang up
4	To establish or change screening list, listen for announcement with instructions followed by beep tone

Call Forward Busy

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Call Forward Busy is an optional feature which automatically forwards calls to an alternate telephone number should the line be busy or off-hook. The Customer specifies the number to which the calls are forwarded at the time the feature is ordered and requires no action. Another service order would be required to change the forward to number.

The feature is in operation on a continuous basis and can not be activated or deactivated by the Customer.