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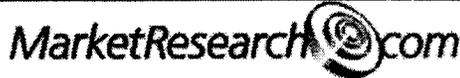


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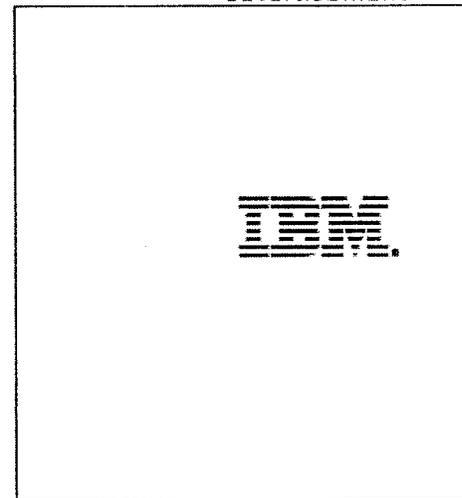
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2003 Sales (mil.)	\$461.6
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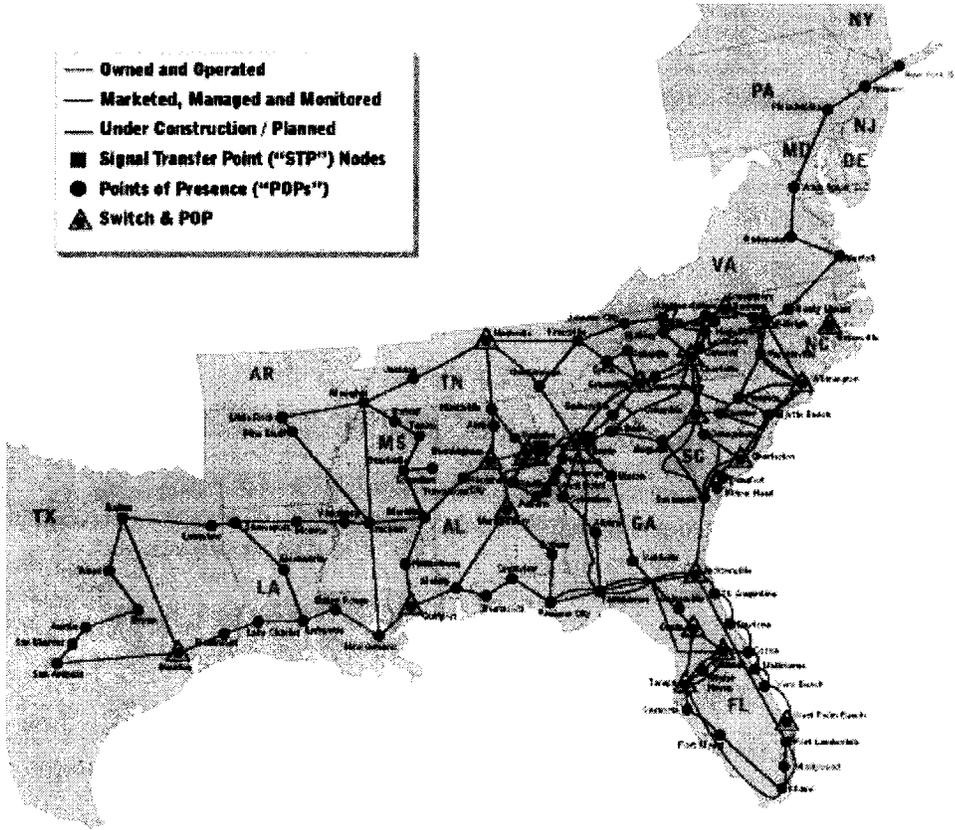
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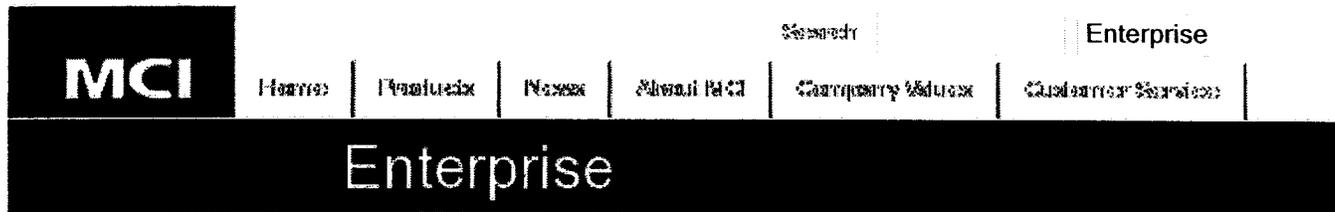
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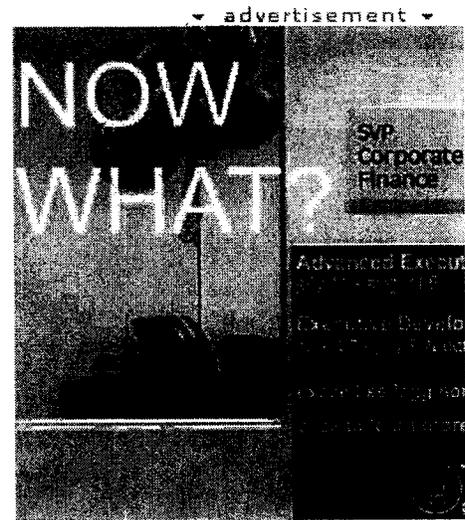
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2002 Employees	500
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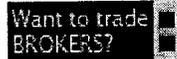
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Overview

Headquartered in Pensacola, Fla., Network Telephone Corporation is a facilities-based, second generation, data-centric competitive exchange carrier providing high speed digital subscriber line (DSL), voice over DSL (VoDSL), local and long distance voice, internet and wireless data services throughout a nine-state southeastern US footprint.

Network Telephone secured government certification to provide local and long distance telecommunications exchange in the state of Florida in July 1998. Since then, the company has embraced forefront technology and enhanced product offerings, corporate and client architecture. Network Telephone is currently FCC certified to provide service to Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee. In addition, more than 300 collocation agreements have been filed with BellSouth, Sprint and GTE and strategic plans include delivery of end-to-end DSL and voice choices to 60+ markets before year-end. Network Telephone concentrates primarily on servicing the small and medium sized business market.

Ray Russenberger founded Network Telephone in 1998, realizing the opportunities that deregulation presented for embracing dynamic technology. Network Telephone immediately began bundling local and long distance voice exchange with data transmission at considerable savings off of incumbent local exchange carrier (ILEC's) rates.

After less than one year in existence, Network Telephone formed a partnership with California-based Copper Mountain Network®TM to deploy their CopperEdge™ DSL concentrators and packet-based integrated access devices, securing delivery of DSL to all of Network Telephone's territories. The move presented full-service telecommunications solutions and advanced technological offerings from one powerhouse source.

Other benchmarks quickly followed. Lucent Technologies feature-rich voice over DSL (VoDSL) Pathstar™ technology joined the Network Telephone product delivery menu. Before year-end 1999, Network Telephone launched its Jackrabbit DSL product, with speeds 50 to 100 times greater than analog dial-up service and a dedicated connection at half the cost of former options, like T1 or ISDN usage-based charges. An aggressive sales team began pre-selling customers to Network Telephone's custom-designed fiber-optic circuitry in Pensacola, Fl. with a scheduled date to move to the network in the first quarter 2000.

In January 2000, Network Telephone successfully launched a new \$8 million, customized SavillExpress CLEC and SavillCare comprehensive customer care back-office infrastructure, automating services and accounting, streamlining customer profiling and management.

Since inception, Network Telephone has assembled a senior management staff representing more than 100 years of telecom experience. To date Network Telephone circuits connect approximately 19,000 lines and 4,000 customers.

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Network Telephone Extends Reach of Free Powerline DSL™ Broadband Data and Voice Service for Business with T1 Solution from Copper Mountain

Copper Mountain Helps Southeast U.S. Integrated Communications Provider Deliver Affordable T1-Enabled High-Speed Internet Service Bundles to Business Customers Regardless of Distance from CO

PENSACOLA, Fla., July 31, 2001—Network Telephone, providing facilities-based broadband voice and data telecommunications services to businesses, and Copper Mountain Networks (Nasdaq: CMTN), a provider of copper-based broadband access solutions, today announced Network Telephone is utilizing T1 Line Cards from Copper Mountain to extend the reach of its affordable, business-class, bundled voice, digital subscriber line (DSL) Internet and Web services in the Southeastern U.S.

Network Telephone is installing Copper Mountain's CopperEdge® T1 Line Cards in Copper Mountain 200 Digital Subscriber Line (DSL) Concentrators already activated in 175 sites throughout the Southeastern states. The T1 capability of Copper Mountain's CopperEdge concentrators allows Network Telephone to offer concurrent high-speed Internet, multi-line voice services, and site development and hosting applications to business customers located almost anywhere within the central office (CO) serving area. Network Telephone is providing the T1-enabled access to business customers located behind digital loop carriers (DLCs) or beyond the distance that can be reached using SDSL access. Network Telephone's broadband service bundle is priced to include 160 Kbps Internet connection for businesses with five to 24 telephone lines, regardless of distance. This means that Network Telephone uses to reach the customer with the high speed Internet connection.

"Network Telephone has been an industry leader in providing affordable broadband data and voice services over SDSL to small and mid-sized businesses throughout the Southeast U.S.," said Rick Gilbert, president and chief executive officer of Copper Mountain Networks. "Now, with the addition of T1-based DSL access, Network Telephone is leading the way in making its value-added solutions available to customers beyond the reach of traditional SDSL access."

"Access to affordable broadband service is increasingly vital to small and medium-sized business operations," said Network Telephone's chief executive officer and founder Ray Russenb

"With Copper Mountain's T1 Line Card, Network Telephone can extend the DSL bundle of business-ready data and voice services to all interested customers in every metro market we serve. Distance from the CO is no longer an issue for Network Telephone or our prospective customers."

About the CopperEdge® T1 Line Card

Copper Mountain's 12-port CopperEdge T1 Line Card is hot-swappable in CopperEdge DSL concentrators, and can be deployed concurrently with Copper Mountain's CopperEdge Fiber, ADSL, G.lite, IDSL, and SDSL Line Cards. The CopperEdge T1 Line Card enables broadband service providers to leverage CopperEdge concentrators' robust Internet Protocol (IP) service intelligence—Copper Mountain's IP IQ™—to deliver cost-effective broadband voice and high-speed data services, even to customers located beyond the reach of conventional SDSL or who are served by Digital Loop Carrier (DLC) equipment. The CopperEdge T1 Line Card is interoperable with Copper Mountain's CopperRocket® 508T Integrated Access Device (IAD) as well as industry-standard T1 customer premise equipment (CPE).

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About Copper Mountain Networks

Copper Mountain Networks, Inc. (Nasdaq: CMTN) manufactures intelligent DSL and aggregation equipment for central office, digital loop and multi-tenant unit (MTU) broadband networks worldwide. Its DSL solutions enable carriers and service providers to deliver cost-effective performance data and voice services over existing copper telephone wiring. Its CopperEdge 200 DSL Concentrator is deployed in some of the world's largest public networks, and its environmentally hardened CopperEdge® RT (remote terminal) DSL Concentrator extend the reach of DSL to the millions of customers served by digital loop carriers (DLCs). Copper Mountain's OnPrem™ MTU Concentrator offers a cost-effective and scalable platform for service providers. With IP IQ™, Copper Mountain's robust Internet Protocol (IP) service intelligence, service providers can maximize bandwidth utilization, support value-added broadband services, and scale to meet the demands of hundreds of thousands of subscribers. Copper Mountain's CopperRocket® CPE family and CopperCompatible® program ensure Copper Mountain DSL concentrators are interoperable with the broadest range of customer premise equipment (CPE). Customers wanting more information about Copper Mountain products or office locations worldwide can visit the company's World Wide Web site at <http://www.coppermountain.com>. For investor relations information, contact us at IR@coppermountain.com.

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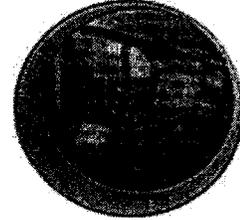
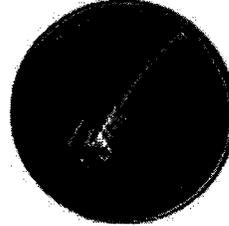
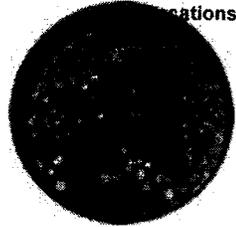
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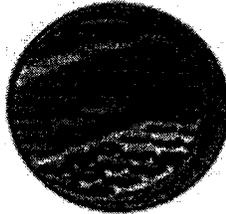
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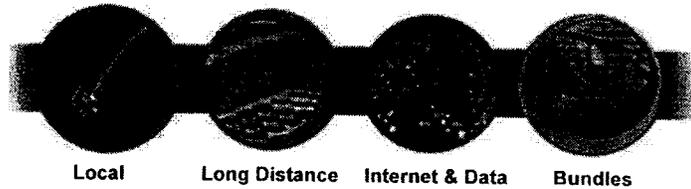
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Extended NewArea

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

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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.

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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.

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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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Managed Network Security

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.

High-Speed Internet

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.

BUNDLES

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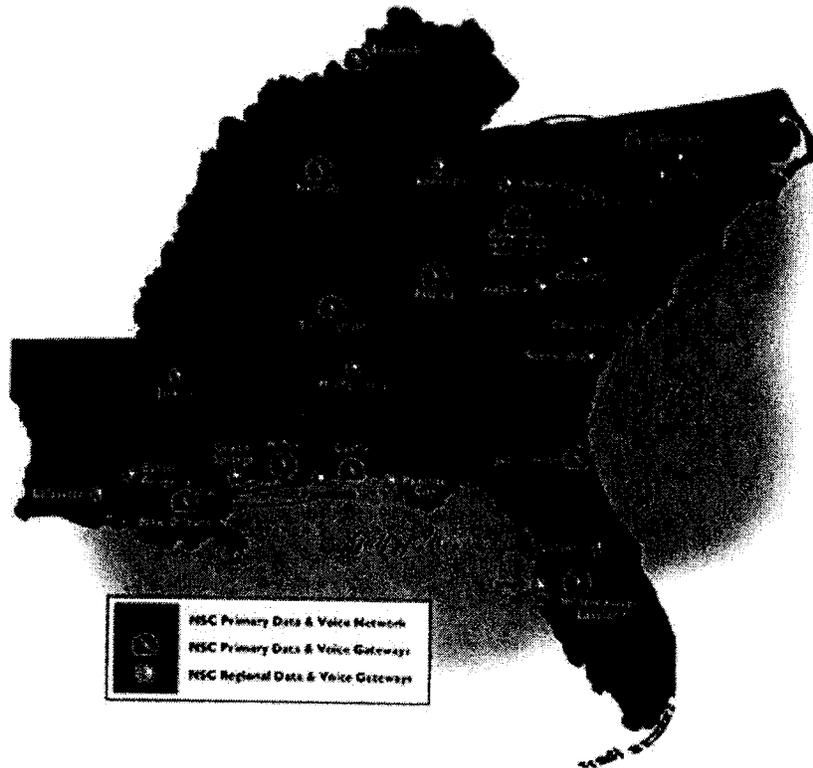
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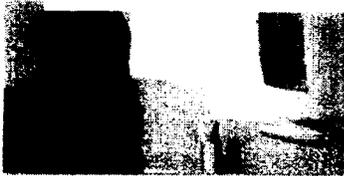
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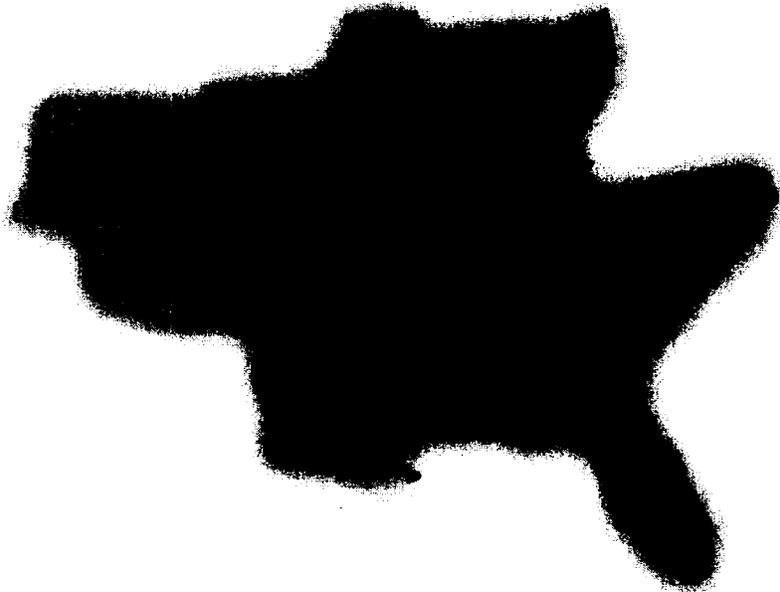
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Review by: torkrite on Wednesday October 17th
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From: Lexington, Lexington, SC

Business DSL customer

Contract was \$49 per month (24 months)

From order to live: about 30 days

Telco party: AllTel

: "tech support is very friendly with good helpful attitude"

: "many tech support technicians simply have NO CLUE!?!?"

Pre Sales information:

Install Co-ordination:

Connection reliability:

Tech Support:

Services:

Value for money:

: "offers the lowest cost adsl broadband but system reliability is poor"

Alltel ADSL (TriVergent) in Lexington, SC area...A new customer's opinion

ordered service in early aug, 2001
\$49/month with \$200 cost of router deferred with 2 year service contract
initial installation charge \$50
within 1 week SpeedStream Router arrived with all filters and excellent instructi
A full two weeks later the line was still not connected - or tested!
with several prompting calls to tech support the line was activated
by Sep 19, still no good connection! line problems were investigated on seven
seperate occasions with no problems found!?!? router still drops the line connec
every 10 minutes.
No service calls have been made to inspect installation or router connections an
attempts to work with phone tech support defaulted to "we need to open a serv
ticket to check the lines"

Finally, by the second week of Oct a problem with the PPP connection router in
Charlotte, NC was admitted and equipment was serviced at other end.
After going through many phone service techs I finally happened onto a good or
recommended dslreports for tweaking and system improvements.

Finally, at the middle of Oct, I have a decent ADSL connection with download cl
1700kb/s ! Thank you DSL Reports! (-:
my best speed before Oct was 256kb/s

Bottom Line: Cost, service help, equipment is excellent....service tech competer
responsiveness to outages, system up-time is fair at best.
Other choices in this area are Roadrunner, DirectPC and other sat systems....I r
the best choice for what is available. Hopefully the Altell ADSL system in Lexing
SC will improve with seasoning and over time. Right now it is the best choice of
available choices.

BTW: Ping rate is very high, around 950ms, which is most probably due to line
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Review by: **jdlathan** on Sunday October 29th 00,
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Pre Sales information:
Install Co-ordination:
Connection reliability:
Tech Support:
Services:
Value for money:

From: **Anderson,Anderson,SC**
Contract was **\$70 per month**
Telco party: **Trivergent**
CLEC party: **Trivergent**

- : "Good tech support, Easy self Install, Pricing OK"
- : "HORRIBLE BILLING PROBLEMS, SLOW, Disconnects frequent on weeke
- : "Try Bellsouth DSL First"

Sign up, Installation, no problems. 320 k PPPoE, Dynamic connection with Phon
service \$70. Nortel External Modem. Was paying by check at first. Tried to bum
speed, lines in area would not go beyond the 320 I was at (They checked line w
some software program, but never gave me the max speeds line would hold). T
started Credit card billing with no notice (I gave the card when I signed up). Ins

of billing me for the bumped up speed, they billed me for 2 lines OFF MY DEBIT WITH NO BILLING NOTICE!! Next month they hit my card again for about \$320. decided I had enough of their billing problems. Got problem straightened out ar disconnected. Problems with disconnects on weekends. Try Bellsouth before you this Headache!! Charter in Anderson, SC is awful also- 300k connection for 49.9 what a RIP!

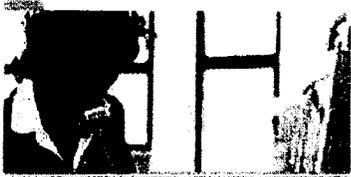
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- Local calling
- Line features
- Enhanced local services

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- ISDN PRI (primary rate interface)
- Advantage T

Multiple local access services are available for above facilities:

- Business lines
- Data lines
- Key system lines
- PBX trunks
- Foreign exchange

The US LEC network comprises a variety of trunking configurations, enabling single and multiple voice and data transmissions between two network elements. Our local trunks offer connectivity flexibility so customers can customize specific traffic patterns based on their needs, such as one-way outbound calling only or two-way calling.

➤ **Local calling**

US LEC completes local calls over its all-digital network. US LEC local service provides:

- Local calling area coverage at least the size of the incumbent telephone company.
- 411
- 911
- Operator assistance
- Directory listing
- White-page listing
- Yellow-page listing

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Line features

- Call forwarding
- Call forward busy
- Call forwarding trunks to POTS
- Call forward no answer
- Remote access to call forwarding
- Call transfer
- 3-way calling
- Call waiting
- Toll denial
- Call hold
- Caller ID
- Caller ID with name



Enhanced local services

- DID - US LEC's DID trunks provide greater user productivity by eliminating the need for assistance, reducing incoming call "traffic jams" and offering the caller a speedy connection to the desired party.
- EAS (Expanded Area Service) - This service provides a greater free local calling area than the ILEC, and an extended local calling area.
- ANI - Automatic number identification is used to identify the responsible party to be billed for the call.
- Foreign exchange - This service involves an inbound-only call, toll-free to the calling party, which is paid for by the called party. If desired, the service includes a listing in the "foreign" white and yellow pages of the ILEC directory.
- Co-location - US LEC's co-location packages provide the placement of the customer's equipment and connectivity to telecom services. As part of the placement agreement, US LEC also provides access to the physical space, utility support such as power and temperature/humidity control and security, among other benefits.

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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.

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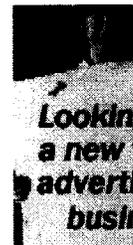
US LEC offers voice and data service to business clients in 15 eastern states, as well as in Memphis and Jackson, including Gossett Motors and Sneed Cos.

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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