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PAETEC Celebrates a Decade of Dedication to Customers

Company's Rapid Growth Built on Personalized Business-Class Communications

FAIRPORT, N.Y. (May 1, 2008) – PAETEC Holding Corp. (NASDAQ GS: PAET) today celebrated a decade of dedication to customers by ringing the NASDAQ Stock Exchange's opening bell.

"Ten years ago, a small group of telecom veterans came together with the mission to build the most customer- and employee-oriented communications company in the industry," said Arunas A. Chesonis, PAETEC Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. "By delivering personalized solutions to complex communications challenges, PAETEC has achieved incredible growth, with a \$1.7 billion annual revenue run rate and more than 3.5 million access line equivalents in service."

PAETEC's organic growth through the years has been supplemented through strategic acquisitions, and its geographic footprint has expanded dramatically, extending to 82 of the top 100 US Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) in 2008. The company's national network infrastructure encompasses 77 traditional switching facilities, 39 Internet Protocol (IP) soft switches, and 17,000 local route miles of fiber.

"The last 10 years have been tumultuous years for the communication industry," said Michael Suby, Director of Stratecast, a division of the research firm Frost & Sullivan.

“Surviving and thriving communication service providers are those that present a genuine choice in this highly competitive market and continuously listen and respond to their customers. PAETEC epitomizes these attributes.”

PAETEC’s growth is now fueled by a broad portfolio of data communications services, particularly multi-site MPLS VPN (Multi-Protocol Label Switching Virtual Private Network) and Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP), as well as Network Security, Dedicated Internet Access and Managed Firewall. The company also has developed multiple value-added offerings that help customers operate more efficiently and achieve the best return on their telecommunications spending.

“We are the premiere alternative to the ILECs, based on our nationwide footprint, breadth of products, and quality of service,” said EJ Butler, Jr., the company’s Chief Operating Officer. “Our pledge is to continue listening to our customers, as they provide incredibly valuable feedback that we use to refine our service processes and shape our product roadmap.”

About PAETEC

PAETEC (NASDAQ GS: PAET) is personalizing communications solutions for business customers across the United States. We offer a comprehensive suite of data, voice, and IP services, as well as enterprise communications management software, network security solutions, CPE, and managed services. For more information, visit www.paetec.com.

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