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**PAETEC Announces Continued Expansion of Ethernet
Local Loop Access Nationwide**

FAIRPORT, N.Y. – October 19, 2009 – PAETEC Holding Corp. (NASDAQ GS: PAET), which provides data, voice, and Internet solutions to business-class customers nationwide, announced that it has expanded its on-net Ethernet Local Loop (ELL) offering to seven additional on-net cities in 2009 to benefit customers with complex data needs.

Ethernet access enables businesses to connect buildings or access the PAETEC MPLS network using the same technology commonly used in Local Area Networks, simplifying network management and reducing equipment costs. PAETEC now serves a total of 36 on-net markets with Ethernet access and plans to reach an additional six markets by year-end, serving over half of its 83 core markets nationwide with direct Ethernet access. PAETEC can also reach 100% of its MSA coverage area via Ethernet utilizing existing partnership agreements.

“We’ve heard from our customers of their desire to use Ethernet as a local loop to drive new speeds and efficiency for their business,” said John Chapman, senior vice president of marketing. “Today’s announcement is a continuation of our tradition of offering personalized solutions to meet the diverse needs of our

customers. We now offer multiple access methods to our network, including Ethernet, T-1 to OC-3 circuits, Fixed Wireless or even direct access in our data centers.”

PAETEC offers its Ethernet Local Loop product primarily through Network-to-Network Interface (NNI) connections with various local access providers within its service areas. Earlier in 2009, PAETEC also announced Ethernet capabilities via its own fixed wireless circuits across the United States.

PAETEC now can deliver Ethernet access to areas in Alabama, California, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Maryland, North Carolina, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia. The company is planning on future Ethernet access expansions in the west and mid-western areas of the United States.

About PAETEC

PAETEC (NASDAQ: PAET) is personalizing business communications for medium and large businesses, enterprise organizations and institutions across the United States. We offer a comprehensive suite of IP, voice, data, and Internet 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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