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PAETEC Unveils Network Intrusion Detection and Prevention System

Innovative New Managed Security Service Delivers Unmatched Protection and Exceptional ROI by Eliminating Many of the Costs and Hassles Associated with Premise-Based Network Security

FAIRPORT, N.Y. – March 22, 2010 – PAETEC Holding Corp. (NASDAQ GS: PAET), a national leader in competitive telecommunications, today announced the general availability of its new managed network Intrusion Detection and Prevention System (IDPS). Today's announcement continues the expansion of PAETEC's broad portfolio of professionally managed network and IT services for enterprise customers across 46 states, with the release of one of the most robust network protection systems available in the Managed Security Services marketplace today.

PAETEC's IDPS utilizes deep-packet inspection through a combination of a signature-based Intrusion Prevention Sensor (IPS) and a centrally monitored Intrusion Detection System (IDS). By combining the monitoring and detecting components of IDS with the reactive, zero-hour components of IPS, PAETEC's new offering represents one of the most robust intrusion protection services available. If a potentially negative event is detected, the intrusion prevention sensor and the event correlation engine determine the threat level of the event and act accordingly within a 99.9999 percent SLA guarding against false positives. Furthermore, since IDPS resides within PAETEC's MPLS network, there is no need for on-site equipment installation or upgrades and the product protects all sites on the network, not just one.

“Network security ranks as one of the most fundamental priorities for enterprise IT executives, and the traditional approach to this challenge has led to equipment racks full of appliances and spiraling costs to house, support, and monitor all that gear,” said John Chapman, PAETEC senior vice president of marketing. “Our managed network IDPS service drastically reduces the costs associated with enterprise network security by leveraging our world-class equipment, processes, and personnel in our centralized PAETEC Security Operations Center.”

In addition to the internal demands driving the need for network security, certain industry standards such as PCI DSS and HIPAA require IDPS. PAETEC’s new fully managed and monitored solution offering assists its customers in exceeding industry compliance standards, and its Security Operations Center personnel are equipped to consult with customers to assist in these and other compliance matters.

The new IDPS functions as an add-on service to PAETEC’s Network Firewall service, with features that include:

- Intrusion Detection System (IDS)
- Intrusion Prevention Sensor (IPS)
- Quadruple redundancy, both local and geographically diverse
- Real-time monitoring
- Real-time alarming with automated email notifications
- 99.9999 percent protection against false positives
- Zero-hour protection
- Extensive reporting and logging information available through PAETEC Online
- Automated patching and updating

“Nearly 50,000 customers across 46 states entrust PAETEC with some of their most mission-critical data, communications services, and applications, and our people and our network have earned that trust through years of exceptionally reliable performance,” said Arunas Chesonis, CEO of PAETEC. “Our new Intrusion Detection and Prevention System marks an important milestone for our company and our customers as we launch yet another mission-critical managed service backed by our industry-leading infrastructure and our unmatched professional support team.”

The new IDPS service is available immediately to all new and existing customers of PAETEC's Network Firewall service across the direct and agent channels in the Unified Product Portfolio.

To learn more about PAETEC's security products, visit the company's Web site at <http://www.paetec.com/products-services/data>.

About PAETEC

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