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Internet & Telephone Acquires Russet Communications and Whiz Wireless

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North Andover, MA (Monday, September 12, 2005) – Internet & Telephone, LLC announced its acquisition of Russet Communications (Lawrence, Massachusetts) and its subsidiary, wireless internet provider, Whiz Wireless. The merger dramatically increases Internet & Telephone's wireless network – extending its reach from Maine to the Merrimack Valley. Russet Communications and Whiz Wireless clients can now take advantage of a product spectrum that includes internet service, local phone service, and long distance service.

Internet & Telephone was founded by Merrimack Valley entrepreneurs Paul Cissel and Pete Peterson in April, 2002. With the Russet Communications merger complete, Internet & Telephone is now the largest wireless Internet Service Provider (ISP) from the New Hampshire seacoast to the Merrimack Valley, serving over 3,500 voice and data clients.

According to Internet & Telephone CEO, Paul Cissel, the merger is an important step forward for the company. “It is vital that we have the highest speed backbone in the region for our business customers. This acquisition allows us to significantly improve our network – and offer more communications options to our clients throughout New England.”

Tom Meyer, CEO of Russet Communications, said the merger will benefit his customer base. “The world of data communications is changing quickly – and we want our customers to be able to take advantage of more robust data and voice services,” said Meyer. “Internet & Telephone can take our customers to the next level of technology and service.”

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Internet & Telephone is a local provider of voice and data communication services and high speed wireless internet service and has now acquired four ISPs, including Airnet Connect of Portsmouth, NH, TTLC Wireless Internet of Dover, NH, Netway Internet of North Andover, and Russet Communications of Lawrence, MA.

Internet & Telephone is headquartered in North Andover, MA. Its engineers, voice switch, and Collocation Center are located at the Pease Tradeport in Portsmouth. Its Merrimack Valley Network Operations Center is located in North Andover.

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