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Metronet Launches 1 Gigabit Internet Service in 19 Cities and Rural Communities across Indiana

EVANSVILLE, Ind. (October 2, 2014) – Metronet, a leading provider of cutting-edge, fiber-optic broadband communication services, today announced the company is breaking the Internet speed barrier by officially launching its 1 Gigabit per second (Gbps) Internet service in the 19 cities and rural communities that the company serves throughout central Indiana. With this announcement, these 19 communities will become one of the few “Gigabit Cities” in our country where residential customers can obtain Internet access speeds of up to 1 Gbps, which is 100 times faster than the current average for broadband speeds in our country at 10 Megabit per second (Mbps).

“Today is a monumental day for Metronet, our associates and the communities we serve across Indiana,” said John Cinelli, president of Metronet. “By delivering access to the fastest Internet speeds in the country, we are placing our customers at the forefront of the broadband revolution and creating a foundation that will make the cities and rural communities we serve stronger and allow them to foster innovation, drive job creation and stimulate economic growth and development for years to come.”

The new Gigabit Internet service, which is powered by Metronet’s innovative fiber-to-the-premise (FTTP) architecture, is available now for residential customers living within the city limits of Connersville, Crawfordsville, Franklin, Greencastle, Huntington, Lafontaine, Lebanon, Madison, New Castle, North Manchester, North Vernon, Seymour, Vincennes, Wabash, Whiteland/New Whiteland, West Lafayette/Lafayette and Ulen.

“Broadband connectivity is a critical issue facing many small towns and rural communities in our state,” said Indiana Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann. “We applaud Metronet for providing this broadband access that will serve the needs of businesses, education, and many other commercial and personal applications.”

Metronet’s new Gigabit Internet service is equivalent to transmitting one billion bits of data every second, or 1,000 Mbps. With these blazing fast Internet speeds, customers

can now get what they want online when they want it rather than waiting for additional bandwidth or capacity.

In addition, Metronet is delivering a 1 Gbps Internet connection more than five years ahead of the goal that the FCC set for the National Broadband Plan, which calls for 100 Mbps Internet speeds for all households nationwide by 2020. According to the National Broadband Map, only 8.9 percent of the population in the United States has access to 1 Gbps Internet service, with most of these connections primarily intended for businesses.

According to company officials, the Gigabit Internet will unleash a community's ability to pursue any number of potential applications, new advancements and incredible innovations in the fields of education, entertainment, public safety, home automation, transportation, industrial development, commerce, healthcare and many more.

Cinelli continued, "Having access to the Gigabit Internet is quickly becoming the single, most important differentiator a community can have today. From our perspective, the Gigabit Internet will transform a community's future and enable its leaders and residents to do whatever they want – better, faster and more effectively. What was once unimaginable is now possible when people start utilizing the Gigabit Internet."

For example, residential customers using a 1 Gbps Internet connection can now stream multiple high-definition videos with little to no delays and even download movies, complete albums and other TV shows in a few seconds rather than waiting 15-20 minutes or longer to download these files. In addition, residential customers who have multiple devices using the same Internet connection in their home will have more than enough bandwidth and speed to support any current or future broadband application, including online gaming, home automation, video conferencing and the growing demands from cloud-based services.

The Gigabit Internet will also play a key role in driving new advancements in other industries, such as telemedicine and education. Physicians practicing in small cities and rural communities can now access and immediately view X-rays and medical images from their home computers or handheld tablets, seek an immediate consult from a specialist living across the country, and conduct remote monitoring and observation of home-bound patients. Imagine school classrooms having the ability to use interactive digital textbooks, online libraries, 3-D printing and modeling, and even virtual labs to help educate students while interacting with any number of students located throughout the world. In addition, school districts can use video conferencing technologies to help conduct professional development opportunities or guest lecturers that will help build better, more qualified teachers to work in our schools. These and other innovations are now possible when accessing Internet speeds of up to 1 Gbps. In addition to launching its Gigabit Internet speed, Metronet is also announcing the company has upgraded the Internet speeds in their triple play bundles for residential customers. Effective today, Metronet will quadruple the Internet speeds in their triple play bundles without raising the price. For example, Metronet's Standard Fiber IPTV

Triple Play bundle will now allow customers to enjoy a blazing fast Internet speed of 200 Mbps, stunning HDTV and reliable, crystal clear phone.

For more information about Metronet, its FTTP technology or the availability of its Gigabit Internet services and all-fiber optic network, please visit www.metronetinc.com.

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About Metronet

Headquartered in Evansville, Ind., Metronet is a customer-focused company that provides cutting-edge, fiber optic communication services, including high-speed Fiber Internet, full-featured Fiber Phone and Fiber IPTV with a wide variety of programming. In 2005, Metronet launched its first fiber optic network in Greencastle, Indiana, and has since grown to offer 100% fiber optic networks in 19 communities statewide: Connersville, Crawfordsville, Franklin, Huntington, Lafontaine, Lebanon, Greencastle, Madison, New Castle, North Manchester, North Vernon, Seymour, Vincennes, Wabash, Whiteland/New Whiteland, West Lafayette/Lafayette and Ulen. Learn more at www.metronetinc.com.
