



## **TOWN OF GREENWICH SPEEDS UP MUNICIPAL NETWORK WITH METRO ETHERNET FROM OPTIMUM LIGHTPATH**

*Increased Bandwidth Demands from New Applications Drives Network Infrastructure Upgrade*

**JERICHO, NY, November 9, 2006** – Optimum Lightpath, the next-generation business broadband service provider of Cablevision Systems Corporation (NYSE: CVC), today announced that the Town of Greenwich, Connecticut, recently upgraded its entire metropolitan area network (MAN) infrastructure to Optimum Lightpath's Metro Ethernet service from an Asynchronous Transfer Mode (ATM) network that was also built and managed for the last five years by Optimum Lightpath.

The Town of Greenwich's new Metro Ethernet network carries all of its data and Internet traffic. In doing so, it connects the town's 16 municipal government facilities, 4 libraries and the Board of Education's 11 elementary schools and 3 middle schools, as well as Greenwich High School. Previously, the network traffic for the municipal government, the libraries and the Board of Education was carried over three physically disparate networks.

A variety of new applications deployed by the municipality, as well as a Board of Education project to adopt Voice over IP (VoIP) communications in all of its school locations, provided the justification to upgrade from 10/100 Mbps ATM to a minimum of 1 Gbps Metro Ethernet at each of the network's 36 locations.

“Not only is Metro Ethernet a more cost-efficient and stable platform to support advanced network applications, like VoIP, but also it provides the flexibility to use Ethernet Virtual Circuits (EVCs) to isolate and segregate voice, data and Internet traffic,” said Boris Hutorin, Director of Information Technology, Town of Greenwich. “We had an aggressive deployment schedule and required a seamless transition between networks without any interruption. The reliability of Optimum Lightpath's network had a lot to do with their achieving each of our stated goals for this network upgrade.”

“The Town of Greenwich quickly realized that Metro Ethernet delivered over fiber was by far the best option to get the bandwidth needed to support their advanced IP-based applications,” said Kevin Curran, Senior Vice President of Marketing and Product Management, Optimum Lightpath. “It turned to Optimum Lightpath to design, build and deploy the network exactly to their specifications. Now, the new Metro Ethernet network gives them the ability to remotely manage sites, to use quality of service protocols to separate data and voice traffic and to totally segregate the police application traffic from the rest of the town network, as required by state law.”

Businesses interested in learning more about Optimum Lightpath's Metro Ethernet services can visit <http://www.metroethernetnow.com> or call 1-877-LIGHTPATH.

## **About Optimum Lightpath**

Optimum Lightpath, a business telecommunications services division of Cablevision Systems Corporation, uses the power of its reliable and resilient fully fiber optic network to deliver converged data, Internet and voice solutions to businesses throughout the New York metropolitan area. Since its formation 18 years ago, Optimum Lightpath built an advanced Fiber-to-the-business-Premises network extending more than 2,400 route miles throughout the tri-state area. As a result of owning and maintaining this state-of-the-art network, Optimum Lightpath is able to reliably provide scalable, high-capacity IP-based Metro Ethernet services that support high bandwidth data, Internet and voice applications and optimize the enterprise customer's quality of experience – at lower prices than traditional offerings.

Optimum Lightpath has been recognized for eight straight years by the New York State Public Service Commission for delivering highly personalized customer service superior to the competition. Winner of the Metro Ethernet Forum's 2006 Service Provider of the Year Award for Outstanding Innovation, Optimum Lightpath became one of the first service providers in the world and the only North American MSO to earn Carrier Ethernet certification from the Metro Ethernet Forum in April 2006. For more information, visit [www.optimumlightpath.com](http://www.optimumlightpath.com).

## **About Cablevision**

Cablevision Systems Corporation is one of the nation's leading entertainment and telecommunications companies. Its cable television operations serve more than 3 million households in the New York metropolitan area. The company's advanced telecommunications offerings include its iO: Interactive Optimum digital television, Optimum Online high-speed Internet, Optimum Voice digital voice-over-cable, and its Optimum Lightpath integrated business communications services. Cablevision's Rainbow Media Holdings LLC operates several successful programming businesses, including AMC, IFC, WE and other national and regional networks. In addition to its telecommunications and programming businesses, Cablevision owns Madison Square Garden and its sports teams, the New York Knicks, Rangers and Liberty. The company also operates New York's famed Radio City Music Hall, and owns and operates Clearview Cinemas.

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