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TAQUA'S IX7000 DEPLOYED IN CABLE MSO NETWORK TRIPLE PLAYS AT HUNTEL AND MIDCONTINENT

RICHARDSON, Texas – November 12, 2003 – Taqua, Inc., the market-share leader of next-generation Class 5 packet switching systems and technologies, today announced that Huntel Systems and Midcontinent Communications have deployed Taqua's iX7000 (formerly branded the OCX) to deliver Class 5 voice services as part of each company's hybrid-fiber coax (HFC) based triple play service offerings.

"Taqua's voice switching solution is the most economical way for a cable company to leverage their HFC networks to include voice in their service bundle," said Jody Bennett, vice president of marketing. "Service providers like Huntel and Midcontinent can utilize Taqua's iX7000 to provide voice today, and easily evolve to PacketCable as their market warrants a change to VoIP. Since the iX7000 combines the full-feature functionality of a Class 5 switch with the Call Management Server (CMS) operations defined by PacketCable, MSOs can economically introduce a profitable voice service and leverage the latest and greatest IP service technologies without a network overhaul or huge investment."

Blair, Nebraska-based HunTel Systems, Inc. is a diversified communications and management company founded in 1912. The company provides a variety of communications services including cable television service in 19 rural Nebraska communities, local telephony in 14 communities across eastern and north-central Nebraska, and internet access to more than 4,600 customers in Nebraska and western Iowa. Huntel is using Taqua's iX7000 in Tekamah, Nebraska, where the company is undergoing its first CLEC initiative providing a triple play of voice, video, and broadband data.

"Prior to purchasing Taqua's switch, our voice services have been delivered over a network of Nortel DMS-10s and DMS-100s," said Richard Poland, vice president of engineering of Huntel Engineering. "We decided to look at next-generation switches because we needed GR303 today, and possibly IP capabilities in the future for our upgraded HFC network. After evaluating four next-generation Class 5 switches, we chose Taqua's iX7000 for many reasons. The iX7000 simply has the most robust feature set of any next generation Class 5 switch and it is by far the most widely deployed system in the market."

Sioux Falls, South Dakota-based Midcontinent Communications, a subsidiary of Midcontinent Media, Inc. and Comcast, is the upper Midwest's leading provider of cable television, local and long distance telephone service, high-speed Internet access, and cable advertising services to communities in North and South Dakota,

Northern Nebraska, and Western Minnesota. Midcontinent's service area includes over 200 communities serving over 200,000 customers.

Midcontinent has deployed Taqua's iX7000s in Aberdeen, South Dakota to provide the voice in the Company's HFC-based triple play offerings in the South Dakota cities of Aberdeen and Redfield. According to Jon Pederson, director of network services, the decision to go with Taqua's iX7000 was primarily due to economics and its IP features. "While we have large Class 5 switches helping us deliver the triple play in other cities, this subscriber offering required a smaller, more cost effective switch. The iX7000 provides a full Class 5 feature set in the most cost effective manner, as well as the flexibility for IP. Midcontinent is very interested in exploring IP offerings and thus our solution needed to give us the capabilities to provide packet alternatives."

About Taqua, Inc.

Founded in 1998, Taqua is the market share leader in next-generation telephony systems and technologies. The Company focuses on improving local (ILEC) and competitive (CLEC) exchange carrier deployment and operational costs, while delivering new and differentiated revenue generating broadband services. Taqua offers a complete line of circuit and IP voice switching products and services, including full-featured next-generation packet Class 5 switches, intelligent line access gateways, application servers, line and trunk testing systems, and an element management system. In addition, the Company offers a full suite of professional services including network design and capacity planning, as well as installation and cutover services.

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