



Extreme Networks BlackDiamond 20K Selected by Vernon Telephone Cooperative for Triple Play Services

Wisconsin Regional Provider Deploys End-to-End Extreme Networks Solution for Expansion and Improvement of Broadband Network

SANTA CLARA, CA, Apr 29, 2009 (MARKET WIRE via COMTEX News Network) -- Extreme Networks, Inc. (NASDAQ: EXTR) today announced that the Vernon Telephone Cooperative, an independent local exchange carrier servicing customers in southwestern Wisconsin, has selected its Carrier Ethernet solutions, including the most recently announced purpose-built metro Ethernet transport switch, the BlackDiamond(R) 20808, to deliver Triple Play services to its 7,000 customers in nine rural communities.

With an increased number of customers turning to the provider for all of their communications needs, Vernon Telephone Cooperative needed to be proactive and bolster its infrastructure's core and edge with equipment that offers the reliability and stability its customers had come to expect from it. In addition, with the anticipated growth, the new solution had to be scalable and easy to manage.

Extreme Networks has provided Vernon Telephone Cooperative with BlackDiamond 20808 metro Ethernet transport switches for the core, as well as Summit X450 aggregation switches for the edge. Vernon Telephone Cooperative delivers local and long distance telephone, Internet, and IP television services to its customers and, with the new solution in place, can now prepare for future high-bandwidth products that its broadband customers want.

"Since 1951, Vernon Telephone Cooperative has served our members with the latest services and technology and we are continuing to do that with the new Extreme Networks solution in place," said David Treptow, network engineer, Vernon Telephone Cooperative. "The BlackDiamond 20808 switch is a perfect fit and the service improvements we offer are timely since people nowadays are enjoying stay-cations with family and friends as well as leaving the large cities to work from home in our picturesque rural communities. With the new BlackDiamond solution, we have enjoyed improvements in performance, reliability and scalability. With other systems, growth is costly. With Extreme Networks, we can grow our network and services not only cost-effectively but seamlessly."

"The opportunities that arise from a network upgrade are very significant for a regional service provider like Vernon Telephone Cooperative," said Suresh Gopalakrishnan, vice president and general manager of the Scalable Products Group at Extreme Networks. "Because of our focus on Ethernet based service delivery networks, Extreme Networks is well positioned to deliver the right products, at the right cost and support level for regional providers to increase the value derived from their networks. We look forward to building many more of these relationships and making regional providers successful and profitable."

About Extreme Networks, Inc.

Extreme Networks provides converged Ethernet networks that support data, voice and video for enterprises and service providers. The company's network solutions feature high performance and high availability switching that deliver insight and control enabling customers to solve their real-world business communications challenges. Operating in more than 50 countries, Extreme Networks provides wired and wireless secure LANs, data center infrastructure and Service Provider Ethernet transport solutions that are complemented by global, 24x7 service and support. For more information, visit <http://www.extremenetworks.com>.

Except for the historical information contained herein, the matters set forth in this press release, including without limitation statements as to features and benefits of BlackDiamond and Summit products are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the "safe harbor" provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date. Because such statements deal with future events, they are subject to risks and uncertainties, including network design and actual results of use of the product in different environments. We undertake no obligation to update the forward-looking information in this release. Other important factors which could cause actual results to differ materially are contained in the Company's 10-Qs and 10-Ks which are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. <http://www.sec.gov>

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