

## World Wide Packets' LightningEdge® Aids ntl:Telewest in MEF Certification

### World Wide Packets has Significant Role in ntl:Telewest's Certification Through the Metro Ethernet Forum's Service Provider Certification Program

**Spokane Valley, WA – June 5, 2006** – World Wide Packets, a provider of Carrier Ethernet solutions, today announced that ntl:Telewest received Metro Ethernet Forum (MEF) certification using products from the World Wide Packets' LightningEdge® suite. ntl:Telewest was awarded the certification through the MEF service provider program and is the first European service provider to receive this qualification. The certification was granted to ntl:Telewest's for development of its National Ethernet product which delivers services compliant with MEF specification.

"ntl:Telewest selected World Wide Packets LightningEdge because it offers us a high-performance Carrier Ethernet solution that integrates well with our existing MPLS architecture," said Raul Rusby, director of service providers, ntl:Telewest Business." We were also extremely pleased that World Wide Packets sought MEF certification of its products. We are now able to offer our customers a comprehensive solution that meets global industry standards."

In order to achieve the certification, ntl:Telewest was required to demonstrate that its proposed Ethernet Private Line (EPL) and Ethernet Virtual Private Line (EVPL) services were compliant to the MEF standards as tested by the Iometrix test laboratory. World Wide Packets was one of 16 vendors included in the inaugural class of systems certified to comply with MEF "Global Carrier Ethernet Service Definitions."

"The Metro Ethernet Forum has been a great ally in standardizing carrier-class Ethernet deployments around the world," said Dave Curry, president and CEO of World Wide Packets. "ntl:Telewest is a pioneer in the European market and its efforts to develop high performance domestic systems speak volumes to its continued forethought in the industry. World Wide Packets is extremely pleased that ntl:Telewest has gone the extra step in achieving MEF certification as the world moves towards a truly global network."

### About World Wide Packets

World Wide Packets is a leading provider of Carrier Ethernet solutions that allow service providers, cable operators, emerging carriers and municipalities to realize a new level of speed and agility in the deployment of revenue generating Ethernet services. With World Wide Packets' LightningEdge® product family, carriers can address the demand with their growing subscriber base by fully leveraging the power, flexibility and low cost of Ethernet technology, while dramatically reducing the CapEx and OpEx of existing legacy networks. Only World Wide Packets offers the QoS, scalability, reliability and manageability necessary to making Carrier Ethernet services such as IPTV, VoIP, mission critical data and wireless transport a reality. For more information on World Wide Packets, please visit [www.worldwidepackets.com](http://www.worldwidepackets.com).

## About ntl

ntl: Telewest Business, part of the UK's second largest fixed-line telecommunications company, is a leading communications provider to businesses, public sector organisations and service providers in the UK. It delivers a complete portfolio of voice, data and internet solutions nation-wide.

ntl: Telewest Business sales and support teams are located across the UK, in close proximity to our customers, as part of a commitment to deliver superior customer service.

ntl: Telewest Business delivers services over the Group's £13bn investment in its state-of-the-art infrastructure giving business customers access to the largest alternative network in the UK.

ntl: Telewest Business is trusted to provide critical communications to high profile customers including: Heathrow's Terminal 5, Birmingham City Council, Cambridge County Council and Next.

For further information go to [www.business.ntl.com](http://www.business.ntl.com) or [www.telewest.co.uk/business](http://www.telewest.co.uk/business)

## About The Metro Ethernet Forum:

The Metro Ethernet Forum (MEF) is a global industry alliance comprising of 80+ members including telecommunications service providers, network equipment/software manufacturers, semiconductor vendors and testing organizations. The MEF's mission is to accelerate the worldwide adoption of Carrier-class Ethernet networks and services. The MEF develops Carrier Ethernet technical specifications and implementation agreements to promote interoperability and deployment of Carrier Ethernet worldwide.

For more information about the Forum, including a complete listing of all current MEF members, please visit the MEF web site at [www.MetroEthernetForum.org](http://www.MetroEthernetForum.org)

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