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PORT NETWORKS SIGNS DISTRIBUTION AGREEMENT WITH VONAGE

Baltimore, MD – August 6, 2004 – Port Networks customers will now be able to say goodbye to the local phone company completely, as the company moves beyond high-speed Internet access to offer customers full-featured local and long-distance calling, through a new partnership with broadband phone company Vonage.

Broadband phone service works by turning voice calls into data packets and sending them over the Internet. When the data packets approach their destination, they are reassembled, and delivered in the form of a traditional call. Port Networks customers using its Vonage service will require only their high-speed Internet connection, a broadband telephony terminal adapter or router, and a regular home telephone to utilize the service.

Port Networks will be offering all of Vonage's pricing plans, ranging from \$14.99 for residential customers to \$49.99 for small businesses. All rate plans include a full set of features, including caller ID, call waiting, voicemail, call forwarding, and emergency calling service. In addition, Vonage offers a number of enhanced voicemail features, including the option of checking voicemail by dialing into a menu and listening over the phone; listening to voicemail online at the Vonage website; or listening to voicemail through a .wav file sent to an email account.

Broadband telephone service from Vonage also allows customers to choose their area code, making it easier to establish a telephone presence in different markets around the country and the world.

"Vonage is a great service, offering an enticing combination of extra features and discounted pricing" says Hugh Bethell, General Manager of Port Networks. "As a broadband provider, we're always looking for services that add value to an Internet connection, and we believe voice-over-Internet is going to be one of the major reasons people want more broadband in the future."

Port Networks operates a wireless data network spanning the Baltimore area, delivering high-speed Internet access to homes, businesses, and people on the move throughout the city.

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