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## Press Release for Immediate Distribution

**Subject: StarTouch Broadband Services - Network Upgrade & Expansion Slated**

Since 1998, StarTouch, Inc., Northwest Washington's largest Fixed-Wireless Services Provider, has been providing fast, friendly, reliable high-speed Internet access. This press release is to inform our customers and the public that StarTouch, Inc. is in the process of several major changes that will ultimately result in faster, more reliable Internet and IP Transport services.



First, StarTouch will be changing its backbone to its very own OC12 (**620 Mbps connection**) microwave backhaul network to the Westin Building in Seattle, WA. StarTouch has acquired its own communication towers, and has built its OC12 IP Transport Network using Carrier-Grade microwave radios – a move that will bring us (and our customers) closer to the Internet Backbone, resulting in more reliable connections and faster network response times.

Now with OC12 microwave and a redundant Fiber Optic Ring, StarTouch becomes a major player in providing IP Transport on a very large scale. This upgrade allows StarTouch to provide Carrier IP Services to its existing Wireless, Fiber Optic, and nation-wide Cellular customers. Future markets will include Wi-Max corporations seeking a higher class of services for their back-haul and backbone connectivity, and Fiber Optic customers seeking a redundant path for network reliability in the U.S. and Canada.

Second in this phase of StarTouch's network upgrade is connectivity into two OC48 Nationwide Fiber Optic Sonet Rings, and the modernization of our equipment and software to make better use of today's technologies. StarTouch has already acquired several pieces of new equipment which include multiple Cisco 12000 Series Routers. The Cisco 12000 Series Gigabit Switch Router (GSR) is the premier routing product family from Cisco which is designed and developed for the core of service providers and enterprise IP backbones. This hardware upgrade will ultimately support new protocols such as MPLS, VoIP, and a host of other connectivity options.

The exact date of these network updates is not firm but projected to be completed the first week of November, 2006. As we move forward with these important steps, we will keep you informed via updates on our web site at <http://www.StarTouch.com>, so please check frequently for the latest information

Finally, in the coming months StarTouch will be moving to a new office location with a bigger footprint that will allow on-site Server Co-location, IP networking, Fiber Optic Cross-connects, and a host of other services.

For information about our new IP Transport services, or any other StarTouch products, please contact us via e-mail at [sales@StarTouch.com](mailto:sales@StarTouch.com) or call our office (360-543-5679).



We look forward to serving your Internet and IP needs, and we thank you for your business.

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