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Press Release

Neutral Tandem expands inter-carrier local transit service to New York.

Neutral Tandem establishes itself as the only independent alternative to expensive incumbent tandem services in New York.

Chicago, Illinois. June 2, 2004: Neutral Tandem, Inc., a leading independent provider of inter-carrier tandem switching, announced the expansion of its services to New York City. Offering carrier savings of up to 48% on a two minute call over Verizon's tariff transit rates, Neutral Tandem provides a cost-effective method of exchanging local traffic between competitive carriers.

"Customers have responded to our message of neutrality, diversity, and savings." said John Barnicle, President and COO. "They've asked us to provide the same innovative transit service in the nation's largest markets and we're meeting their needs." In addition to providing an independent exchange to the nation's largest telecom carriers, our solution provides on-line management tools designed to help carriers manage their traffic.

Neutral Tandem utilizes the DMS-200 Local Access Tandem and provides patent-pending service to leading national carriers by bypassing incumbent local exchange tandems, reducing network congestion, and offering immediate cost savings. Neutral Tandem's switch is located at 75 Broad Street and will be operational in early July.

As the first-to-market entrant in the nation's top metropolitan markets, Neutral Tandem has secured agreements with the industry's largest wireless, competitive local exchange, and inter-exchange carriers.

About Neutral Tandem

Neutral Tandem is a fully-funded independent tandem service provider for wireless carriers, CLECs, IXCs, and other telecommunication companies. Using only best-in-class technology, Neutral Tandem provides a neutral exchange point for inter-carrier traffic, a diverse tandem architecture, and significant savings to our customers. With over \$7 billion in collective capital under management, Neutral Tandem's primary investors include Doll Capital Management and NEA. Neutral Tandem, a privately held company, provides service in Chicago, New York, and Detroit.

Make every minute count with Neutral Tandem.
