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**NEUTRAL TANDEM EXPANDS SERVICE TO MORE FLORIDA MARKETS,
ORLANDO & TAMPA METRO AREAS LAUNCHED**

**Network Coverage Expands to Nearly 40% of All Wireless and Competitive Wireline
Telephone Numbers in Florida**

CHICAGO, June 15, 2006 – Neutral Tandem, Inc., the nation’s only independent provider of inter-carrier tandem and voice peering services, today announced service to metropolitan areas of Orlando and Tampa, Fla., adding to its national footprint of over 40 U.S. markets. The company, which currently serves Miami and Fort Myers, has already successfully terminated over two billion minutes of traffic on behalf of competitive carriers since launching service in Florida.

Neutral Tandem operates the country’s only carrier-neutral TDM and IP-based tandem network for wireless, wireline, cable and broadband service providers to exchange traffic, providing a cost-effective alternative to ILEC interconnections. Neutral Tandem offers more interconnections—with over 100 million telephone number end points—to more carriers, in more locations than any other alternate tandem provider.

“Neutral Tandem’s network provides carriers with a diverse and cost-effective alternative to today’s existing incumbent tandem network” said Rian Wren, Chief Executive Officer of Neutral Tandem. “Ultimately, consumers benefit through lower prices from competitive carriers, as well as the increased redundancy we build into the Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN).”

“We are delighted to expand our service to more major markets in Florida,” said Dave Lopez, Senior Vice President of Sales for Neutral Tandem. “We believe additional expansion beyond these initial markets in Florida will help the state continue to foster competition and improve the reliability of communications in case of damage to existing infrastructure caused by natural disasters, such as hurricanes.”

Neutral Tandem currently provides tandem services to more than 45 major carriers, including nearly all of the major wireless, competitive local exchange carriers (CLECs), cable and VoIP providers. The company is operational in many U.S. markets, including: Atlanta, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus (OH), Detroit, Indianapolis, Los Angeles, Miami/Fort Myers, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, New York, Northern New Jersey, Orlando (FL), Tampa (FL) and the state of Connecticut and is increasing its geographic footprint to additional markets in 2006, including Boston and Washington, D.C.

About Neutral Tandem, Inc.

Neutral Tandem, Inc. is the nation's only provider of independent tandem and voice peering services to wireless, wireline, cable and VoIP companies. Founded in 2003, the company has created the largest non-PSTN (Public Switched Telephone Network) tandem network in the U.S., facilitating inter-carrier communications with a cost-effective alternative to the Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC) network. Neutral Tandem's solutions build redundancy, security and operational efficiencies into the nation's telecommunications infrastructure by connecting over 100 million end points (terminating numbers) in over 40 U.S. markets. The company is headquartered in Chicago. Please visit Neutral Tandem's website at: www.neutraltandem.com.