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## NEUTRAL TANDEM ANNOUNCES RIAN WREN AS PRESIDENT AND CEO

**CHICAGO, April 17, 2006** – Neutral Tandem, the nation’s leading provider of inter-carrier independent tandem and voice peering services, today announced Rian J. Wren has been appointed as President and Chief Executive Officer.

"Rian’s strategic vision and distinguished track record in the industry are a perfect match with our rapidly expanding and innovating firm," said Jim Hynes, Founder and Chairman of Neutral Tandem. "We are fortunate to have his guidance and direction at the core of our organization."

Wren is a seasoned telecommunications industry veteran, most recently known for overseeing the planning, development and launch of Comcast's VoIP phone service. Wren had a distinguished career at Comcast, the nation's largest facilities-based provider of cable telephone service. After joining the company in 1999, he served as president of Comcast Business Communications before being named CEO of Broadnet, Comcast's international wireless company headquartered in Belgium. He returned to Comcast in 2002 to head up Comcast Digital Phone before being named senior vice president and general manager of voice services.

Prior to joining Comcast, Wren worked for AT&T for more than 20 years in the areas of business and consumer communications services, network services and network systems manufacturing, most recently serving as the company's southwest regional president. He holds a bachelors degree in electrical engineering from the New Jersey Institute of Technology and was an AT&T Sloane Fellow while earning his master of science degree from Stanford University.

"Neutral Tandem is poised to capture additional market share and capitalize on its unique position in the industry," said Wren. "I welcome the opportunity to assist in leveraging and strengthening its market position toward accelerated growth."

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### **About Neutral Tandem**

Neutral Tandem, Inc. is the nation's leading provider of independent tandem and voice peering services to wireless, wireline and broadband service providers. Founded in 2003 with patent-pending business processes and best-in-class technology, Neutral Tandem has created the largest non-PSTN interconnection network in the U.S., launching a cost-effective solution to carriers' reliance on the ILEC network. With its TDM and IP-based network architecture, Neutral Tandem facilitates inter-carrier communications by connecting nearly 100 million end points (terminating numbers) in 40 major U.S. markets, with plans to be in 45 markets by 2007. Neutral Tandem is headquartered in Chicago, Illinois. Please visit the company's website at: [www.neutraltandem.com](http://www.neutraltandem.com).