

**NEXTLINK Chooses ADTRAN's Total Access System for DSL Deployment; Total Access Fills NEXTLINK's Need for a Flexible, Scalable, Integrated Access**

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HUNTSVILLE, Ala.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Dec. 13, 1999--ADTRAN, Inc. (NASDAQ: ADTN), the market share leader in DSL, announced today that NEXTLINK has selected ADTRAN's Total Access(TM) 3000 Carrier Class, broadband Integrated Access Device for part of its nationwide DSL deployment. The Total Access 3000 system will allow NEXTLINK to quickly establish high-speed connections between central offices and customers by providing a compact DSL delivery platform that is easily integrated into existing infrastructures.

"We've made a concerted effort to design products with flexibility and future migration in mind. That's why, as NEXTLINK continues its accelerated growth rate, Total Access 3000 will provide the platform necessary to capitalize on new service opportunities," said Tom Stanton, Vice President and General Manager of the ADTRAN Carrier Networks Division.

NEXTLINK chose Total Access 3000 for cost-effective deployment of a wide variety of DSL services. Its compact chassis substantially minimizes space requirements, increasing the number of customers that NEXTLINK can serve from each location. And because it combines the functions of an ORB and a Broadband Multiplexer, Total Access 3000 allows NEXTLINK to economically enter the Hi-Cap market while providing a platform for broadband network access.

Total Access 3000 combines advanced technology with the safety and reliability associated with Carrier Class products. Features include multiple network connections including DS3, SONET, and packet; the industry's highest density; service-level protection; and flexible management options.

About NEXTLINK

NEXTLINK Communications, Inc. was founded by Craig McCaw in 1994 to provide local, long distance and enhanced communications services to commercial customers and is one of the fastest growing competitive telecommunications providers in the nation. Headquartered in Bellevue, WA, NEXTLINK currently operates 22 facilities-based networks providing switched local and long distance services in 36 markets in 14 states.

About ADTRAN

Established in 1985, ADTRAN, Inc. is a leading provider of network deployment and access solutions for delivering today's digital telecommunications services over existing copper infrastructures.

Today, ADTRAN technologies support more than two million local loops worldwide. More than 500 ADTRAN products support all major digital technologies, including T3, T1, E1, Frame Relay, DDS, HDSL, HDSL2, SDSL, xDSL, ISDN, and wireless transport. In the carrier network and enterprise markets, ADTRAN produces a complete end-to-end solution that provides the greatest network efficiency and lowest possible telecommunications costs.

According to Dataquest and IDC, ADTRAN holds revenue-leading positions in the Frame Relay/DDS, ISDN Extension and HDSL/T1/E1 network and access markets. ADTRAN customers include the Regional Bell

Operating Companies, interexchange carriers, GTE, domestic independent service providers, corporate end users, international customers and original equipment manufacturers.

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