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LEXENT METRO CONNECT PROVIDES FAST AND RELIABLE DARK FIBER SERVICES, EVEN THROUGH NEW YORK CITY'S ANNUAL CONSTRUCTION EMBARGO

New York, New York – November, 10 2009 – [Lexent Metro Connect](#), the leading provider of dark fiber networks in the New York Metropolitan area, today announces its continuing commitment to 30-day timelines for [dark fiber installations](#) in Manhattan, even during New York City's annual holiday construction embargo. To improve traffic flow in the city during the busy holiday season, the [New York City Department of Transportation](#) restricts street and sidewalk construction from November 20th through January 2, 2010, from 6 a.m. to midnight. As a result, Lexent Metro Connect's trained professionals will often work in the early morning hours to ensure timely dark fiber installations to and from enterprise buildings, financial exchanges and/or data center facilities, while being mindful of the embargo.

Every year, the construction embargo makes it difficult, if not impossible, for other fiber-optic installation firms to begin and complete new installation projects on timely schedules. However, Lexent leverages its own dark fiber network and its force of over 300 service professionals to continue its timely construction throughout the holiday embargo. Lexent also leverages its relationship with its sister company, [Hugh O'Kane Electric](#), a 63-year old construction management veteran. Whereas competitors who rely on third-party contractors will typically require months to build a dark fiber network, Lexent's workforce needs only thirty days or less, a boon to financial, enterprise and service provider customers whose network installs begin during the winter.

"Lexent Metro Connect owns and maintains its own dark fiber network, a distinct benefit to enterprise customers and telecom operators seeking the lowest latency, scalable and affordable network options and last-mile connectivity," states [Ray La Chance](#), President of Lexent Metro Connect. "Lexent's dark fiber delivers virtually unlimited bandwidth in thirty days or less, regardless of the restrictions that commonly hamstring other players in the field."

The construction embargo does not apply to the state of New Jersey. Lexent's network expansion into key New Jersey data centers and financial exchanges is continuing on schedule. The next phase, including further network builds into Secaucus, Newark, Weehawken and North Bergen, will be complete by the first quarter of 2010. Lexent is strongly committed to continuing the deployment of

fiber networks in and around New York's metropolitan area, despite any obstacles, so as to continue to grow and expand with its customers' network needs. For more expansion updates, please visit www.lexent.net/news.php.

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About Lexent Metro Connect:

Lexent Metro Connect, LLC provides enterprise customers and service providers in New York City and its surrounding boroughs with state of the art, custom built, dark fiber optic networks. As a leading provider of dark fiber networks in the New York Metropolitan area, Lexent is the only fiber provider that *owns, operates, builds* and *maintains* its own dark fiber network in-house. Lexent provides its customers with the option to leverage an existing dark fiber network as an extension of their own, or to build a new, dedicated, private fiber network in the City. Lexent also provides direct connectivity to carrier-neutral colocation facilities, enabling Freedom of Choice in pursuing wholesale buying of Network Services. Lexent's ever-growing network provides diverse connectivity between regional Carrier Hotels, Central Offices, and Enterprise Buildings. For more information on Lexent Metro Connect, please email info@lexent.net or call 212.981.0700.

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About Hugh O'Kane Electric:

Hugh O'Kane Electric Company, Inc (HOK) has been a leading provider of electrical construction and maintenance services to businesses in the Greater New York metropolitan area since 1946. HOK is licensed to provide Electrical services throughout New York and New Jersey. The company has installed power, lighting, fire alarm, security, data systems, specialty infrastructure systems, and specialty network systems for a wide range of industries and institutions. The HOK Telecommunications division provides leading-edge design, construction, installation and maintenance of state-of-the-art telecom networks for wire line, fiber optic, and wireless networks. With its staff of electricians and technicians available for immediate response, HOK specializes in high-quality, fast track jobs. The company's reputation is built upon attention to detail while meeting clients' timeframes and budgets. For more information, please visit www.hokane.com.