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Special Access Reform Key to Improving Broadband Market

*--tw telecom and a coalition of carriers, customers and public interest groups announce
NoChokePoints alliance –*

*--Chokepoints must be eliminated to meet President Obama's
challenge to deploy broadband in the United States--*

LITTLETON, Colo. – June 22, 2009 – **tw telecom**, (NASDAQ: TWTC) a leading provider of managed voice, Internet and data networking solutions for businesses, today announced it was joining a national coalition to encourage broadband Internet reform at the Federal Communications Commission.

The NoChokePoints coalition is a broad-based group of organizations and companies representing critical sectors of the broadband economy that are joining together to encourage the FCC to reform regulation of Special Access services provided by incumbent local exchange companies.

tw telecom is a multi-billion dollar, publicly traded competitive services provider that delivers voice, Internet and data networking solutions to businesses and large public and private organizations and government agencies in local markets as well as across the U.S. Over the last decade and a half, the company has built a national fiber network of more than 27,000 route miles of metro and regional fiber and a 10 Gbps MPLS IP backbone to serve enterprise organizations and public entities. This enables delivery of robust products and services to businesses needing to transmit voice, Internet and data at high-capacity speeds with reliability and security.

In comments prepared for a Washington, D.C. announcement, Ken Folderauer, **tw telecom's** Public Sector Vice President, outlined the firm's concerns:

“We deliver Ethernet services to thousands of customers nationwide. It’s remarkable to see customers use this platform to not only improve their networks, but to create new applications few people would have anticipated even a few years ago. We see cloud computing, telepresence, green IT applications and other innovative data, Internet and video usage driving today’s broadband demand.

“Where these locations are connected to our network, it is a win-win for them and a win-win for us. In the current regulatory environment, policies often keep us from serving all of our customer's locations. Why? Because it's either too expensive for us to build our network to a remote location or we cannot purchase wholesale Ethernet services from the incumbent provider, either due to a lack of availability or because the incumbent carrier has prohibitive pricing. In some cases, we can serve first, second and third locations, but cannot get our network to fourth, fifth and sixth locations.

“What happens when we can't serve the location? Businesses and public entities are left to rely on antiquated Frame or ATM solutions from the incumbent carrier – ultimately the consumer loses the ability to access new and innovative solutions that only Ethernet delivers and we lose the opportunity to grow our business. And government entities lose the ability to gain greater network efficiencies and to utilize innovate and leading edge network applications.

"This is what we mean by a chokepoint, and it is a chokepoint that stymies economic freedom and growth. So, we join with others in this alliance to call upon the FCC to eliminate all Special Access chokepoints, and we urge regulators to make the possibility of truly unfettered competition a reality. Bandwidth speeds will double, new applications will develop, network efficiencies will improve, and greater security and reliability of transmission will occur.

"And we simply must end the chokepoints if we are to meet President Obama's challenge for broadband in the United States and create the innovation that spurs growth, creates jobs, solidifies market-based competition and that will, ultimately, play a vital role in leading America out of this recession."

tw telecom connects more commercial buildings to its fiber network than any other competitive communications provider, only exceeded by the large global incumbents. In fact, it has the third highest market share of retail Ethernet ports in service. With its own national fiber network and IP backbone, **tw telecom** has the national capability, robust product portfolio and national/local customer care teams to support mission critical enterprise applications and to deliver the industry's most sought after customer experience.

About tw telecom

tw telecom holdings inc., a unit of **tw telecom inc.**, headquartered in Littleton, Colo., provides managed network services, specializing in Ethernet and transport data networking, Internet access, local and long distance voice, VoIP, VPN and security, to enterprise organizations and communications services companies throughout the U.S. As a leading provider of integrated and converged network solutions, **tw telecom** delivers customers overall economic value, quality, service, and improved business productivity. Please visit www.twtelecom.com for more information.

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