

Occam Networks Wins Mescalero Apache Telecom Contract

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In what's been a busy two weeks of transitions toward IP networks, Mescalero Apache Telecom, Inc. (MATI) has selected Occam gear to upgrade its access network to deliver higher bandwidth ADSL2+ services to the Mescalero Apache reservation in New Mexico and the surrounding areas.

MATI currently provides local and long distance telephone, high-speed Internet and wired and wireless local- and wide- area networking services

MATI's but the latest in lengthening list of telcos detailing plans to upgrade large part of, or entire networks, to more effectively and efficiently deliver high-bandwidth, IP services. Like many others, the ultimate goal of the tribally owned and operated telco is to deliver high-bandwidth services including IP video.

"It's important to us to provide the members of the tribe with state-of-the-art telecommunication services like ADSL2+ and IP video," said Godfrey Enjady, general manager and founder of MATI, in prepared comments. "These kinds of services enable the tribe to meet its goals for economic development and enable us to provide our members with health care and other social services equal to that of all citizens."

MATI has built a fiber ring that encompasses ninety percent of the Mescalero Apache Reservation and a MetaSwitch VP3510 Integrated Softswitch to deliver POTS and IP services. "We feel this decision is validated by the fact that more than 30 service providers have now chosen to deploy Occam in their MetaSwitch-based networks," added Enjady.

According to Occam, MATI will deploy the BLC 6000 in 14 remote terminals, upgrading existing remote sites and building five new remote sites. At completion of the deployment, all 1500 access lines will be ADSL2+ and IP video ready.