

Buckeye TeleSystem Deploys Turin Traverse® Platform to Improve Service Flexibility, Speed Provisioning, and Reduce Costs

Northwestern Ohio CLEC Selects Traverse 2000 Systems to Improve TDM and IP/Ethernet Bandwidth Management

Petaluma, CA, August 22nd, 2007 – Turin Networks, a global provider of metro transport and switching solutions for wireline, wireless, MSO and private networks, today announced that Buckeye TeleSystem, a facilities-based carrier serving northwestern Ohio and southeast Michigan, has deployed Turin's Traverse® 2000 multiservice transport switches to reduce costs, improve service agility, and facilitate management of IP/Ethernet and TDM services for business and residential customers throughout its network.

Buckeye TeleSystem is a subsidiary Block Communications, Inc (BCI). Buckeye CableSystem, also a subsidiary of BCI, is one of the nation's top 25 cable multiple system operators (MSOs), which operates a large regional fiber optic network. Buckeye is using the Traverse 2000 platform as a next-generation digital cross-connect system (DCS) to interconnect, groom, and transport TDM voice as well as IP/Ethernet data over the same optical infrastructure.

"Our network had grown to the point where we needed a DCS to simplify service provisioning and management," said Doug Ward, director of network operations at Buckeye TeleSystem. "We found Turin's Traverse platform to be the most scalable and cost-effective DCS solution available. With its visibility down to the DS1 level, the Traverse platform allows us to ensure optimum quality of service for our customers. That was a key feature for us."

Buckeye TeleSystem began deploying Traverse 2000 systems in May 2007 and continues to roll them out. Easily expandable from 5 to 20 Gbps of switching capacity, and offering integrated optical transport up to OC-192, the Traverse next-generation DCS solution is much more scalable and space-efficient than legacy DCS platforms. In addition, the Traverse platform's ability to integrate Carrier Ethernet switching and transport allows Buckeye to easily integrate and migrate between TDM, data, and video services.

"We wanted a more cost-effective way to deliver TDM and IP/Ethernet services," said Ward. "Turin gave us the equipment we needed with a lower cost and much more responsive service. We have been able to order and deploy new modules and even new nodes within a week, where our previous vendor would often take months."

The Traverse platform's modular architecture gives Buckeye far better service agility than ever before. Within 60 days, Buckeye TeleSystem plans to use the platforms to deliver the signals of local broadcast television stations to another cable provider over the same optical infrastructure.

"Carriers like Buckeye TeleSystem are hitting the wall with service costs and provisioning delays as they increasingly roll out IP and Ethernet services while continuing to support legacy TDM," said Chris Stark, president of worldwide sales and marketing at Turin Networks. "The Traverse platform modernizes these carriers' networks by providing integrated wideband, broadband and Ethernet bandwidth management, higher functionality, and improved space efficiency."

About Buckeye TeleSystem

Founded in 1994, Buckeye TeleSystem (<http://www.buckeye-telesystem.com>) is a facilities-based provider of voice, video and data telecommunication services headquartered in Toledo, Ohio. Buckeye TeleSystem offers competitive pricing for a full portfolio of the most current technologies, including business phone lines, high-speed data services, ISDN PRI circuits, digital trunks, and voice mail to businesses in northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan.

About Turin Networks

Turin Networks Inc. is a global provider of metro transport and switching solutions for wireline, wireless, MSO and private networks. Turin's iConnect™-based solutions facilitate migration to end-to-end Carrier Ethernet over any media for all types of network operators. Turin's products have been deployed by more than 300 customers worldwide to increase revenue through expanded optical network capacity and efficient delivery of new Ethernet/IP-based services. Turin is headquartered in Petaluma, California with R&D facilities in Petaluma, Dallas and Boston, and sales offices throughout the world. For more information, visit www.turinnetworks.com or call 707-665-4400.