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FIRST COMMUNICATIONS EXPANDS FASTEST LOW-LATENCY ROUTE TO TORONTO, ENABLING SERVICE TO KEY FINANCIAL TARGETS

Highly scalable, secure solutions assist brokers and financial institutions with efforts to increase performance, reliability and diversity

AKRON, OH – June 29, 2011 – First Communications, a leading regional competitive communications provider, is now providing service to key financial sites within Canada through the expansion of its [low-latency fiber route to Toronto](#). First Communications' new service offerings include [151 Front Street and 100 Wellington \(Q9\)](#) in Toronto, as well as 3500 Steeles Street in Markham.

An important feature of First Communications' service to 100 Wellington is a bypass to 151 Front Street, which is crucial for financial brokerages, trading firms, hedge funds and banks, as it provides the diversity needed for high reliability. The new routes also will appeal to carriers, service providers and Internet service providers (ISPs) that need reliable, high-speed service to compete in their markets.

"We have deployed the industry-leading, low-latency route between Toronto and New Jersey or New York, and we are pleased to make that route available to additional key financial market locations in Canada," said Rick Poore, president of First Telecom Services LLC, dba First Communications.

The new route broadens First Communications' low-latency offerings and provides the market with additional options, resulting in both service provider and route diversity in the geographic area. The expansion augments First

Communications' existing routes to Chicago and Washington, D.C./Ashburn, providing a variety of low-latency routes to the financial industry and carriers.

About First Communications

First Communications (www.firstcomm.com) offers high-capacity long-haul and metro fiber network services as well as local exchange voice and data services across the Midwest and Mid-Atlantic United States and into Canada. Our network includes more than 600 on-net wire centers, 250,000 fiber miles and 5,400 fiber route miles. The fiber network includes approximately 500 metro route miles reaching more than 50 Tier 1, 2 and 3 markets. First Communications serves a diverse customer base, including [carrier/wholesale](#) customers, [small and medium enterprises](#) (SMEs) and [large enterprises](#).

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