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Windstream deploys Coriant Groove™ G30 DCI Platform for data center interconnect in New York metro market

Open, disaggregated networking platform enables efficient and scalable high-speed services purpose-built for high-performance data center interconnect

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., and NAPERVILLE, Ill., Jan. 10, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Windstream (NASDAQ:WIN), a leading provider of advanced network communications, and Coriant, a global supplier of SDN-enabled end-to-end packet optical networking and DCI solutions, today announced that Windstream has selected the Coriant Groove™ G30 DCI Platform to support delivery of 100G Data Center Interconnect (DCI) services in the New York City metropolitan area. The open, disaggregated networking solution enables Windstream to cost-effectively meet the high-capacity connectivity demands of its wholesale and enterprise customers, including the world's leading cloud and data center providers.

Windstream selected the Coriant Groove™ G30 DCI Platform for its industry-leading density and power efficiency, as well as an innovative modular design that enables the lowest initial costs, reduced equipment sparing costs, programmability, and cost-effective scalability. The New York metro Groove deployment leverages dense 100G client side interfaces for cost-efficient service creation and power-efficient 200G line side coherent optical transmission powered by Coriant CloudWave™ Optics. To simplify service provisioning and efficiently manage DCI traffic, Windstream will rely on the Coriant® Transport Network Management System (TNMS).



"Rising traffic volumes and dynamic workloads between data centers in major metro markets like New York City are rapidly redefining performance criteria for 100G connectivity," said Jeff Brown, director of wholesale marketing for Windstream. "Windstream continues to demonstrate compelling differentiation in our highly available transport solutions by tapping into cutting-edge innovations in high-speed optics, and with the introduction of Coriant's Groove G30 DCI Platform, the efficiency and scalability of our 100G service is made available to an even broader base of wholesale and enterprise customers, including a recent deployment of ten 100G Waves for a major, worldwide content provider. The cost-effective Groove G30 DCI Platform, with its simple and rapid installation process, offers our customers tremendous benefits, augmenting their own infrastructures to support surging demand for bandwidth."

The Coriant Groove™ G30 DCI Platform is purpose-built to deliver programmable, high speed, and secure bandwidth that today's cloud applications require, with ultra-low power consumption, high density, and flexibility for high-performance data center connectivity at the lowest total cost. The stackable solution supports 3.2 terabits of capacity throughput in a compact and highly pluggable 1RU form factor, and enables service providers and cloud and data center operators to build their own scalable and secure DCI transmission and optical line solutions with best-in-class functions, all enabled through open APIs. The solution supports programmable DWDM line interface to optimize the bandwidth and performance of high-capacity transmission from 100G to 400G in metro, regional, or long-haul DCI applications.

"One of the key advantages of the Coriant Groove™ G30 DCI Solution is its open and highly flexible system architecture," said Tarcisio Ribeiro, executive vice president and chief commercial and marketing officer for Coriant. "Seamless interworking with a third-party optical line system in this metro 100G deployment enabled Windstream to achieve the superior transmission benefits of the Coriant Groove™ G30 DCI Platform while accelerating time-to-revenue with operational simplicity and open interfaces."

Coriant recently expanded the Groove solution with the introduction of an open, plug-and-play optical layer that delivers 3X the density over comparable solutions and unmatched configuration flexibility, including support for both coherent and direct detect optical layer applications.

About Windstream

Windstream Holdings, Inc. (NASDAQ:WIN), a FORTUNE 500 company, is a leading provider of advanced network communications and technology solutions for consumers, businesses, enterprise organizations and wholesale customers across the U.S. Windstream offers bundled services, including broadband, security solutions, voice and digital TV to consumers. The company also provides data, cloud solutions, unified communications and managed services to small

business and enterprise clients. The company supplies core transport solutions on a local and long-haul fiber network spanning approximately 129,000 miles. Additional information is available at windstream.com. Please visit our newsroom at news.windstream.com or follow us on Twitter at [@Windstream](https://twitter.com/Windstream).

About Coriant

Coriant delivers innovative and dynamic networking solutions for a fast-changing and cloud-centric business world. The Coriant portfolio of SDN-enabled, edge-to-core packet optical networking and DCI solutions enables network operators to cost-efficiently scale network capacity, reduce operational complexity, and create the resilient foundation for a new generation of mobile, video, and cloud services. Coriant serves leading network operators around the world, including mobile and fixed line service providers, cloud and data center operators, Web 2.0 content providers, cable MSOs, government agencies, and large enterprises. With a distinguished heritage of technology innovation and service excellence, Coriant is helping its global customers maximize the value of their network infrastructure as demand for bandwidth explodes and the communications needs of businesses and consumers continue to evolve. Learn more at www.coriant.com or follow us on Twitter at [@Coriant](https://twitter.com/Coriant).

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