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## **News Release**

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### **DQE COMMUNICATIONS PASSES MAJOR MILESTONE** *Firm passes 3,000 route miles as it marks 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in business*

**PITTSBURGH** – DQE Communications, a major provider of data networking services for businesses in southwestern Pennsylvania, is celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a major milestone — 3,000 route miles.

DQE Communications was founded in 1997, and began selling its fiber network in 2000 with about 200 route miles. Today, the firm has 70 employees, 3,050+ route miles, and 1,500 on-net buildings, and has been frequently recognized in *Pittsburgh's 100 Fastest Growing Companies*.

“It’s hard to believe it’s been 10 years since I started at DQE, when we had just six employees and barely 1,000 miles of fiber,” said Chris Hays, manager of project and process management at DQE. “I’m confident our company will continue to grow — because we emphasize a customer-first, customer-focused approach to our business and solutions.”

In 2017, DQE Communications will expand its network south into West Virginia, from Morgantown to Fairmont. The company also plans to develop its fiber network into five new business parks throughout western Pennsylvania.

For more information visit DQE Communications’ website at [www.DQECOM.com](http://www.DQECOM.com).

#### **About DQE Communications**

*Headquartered in Pittsburgh’s SouthSide Works development, DQE Communications provides high-speed, fiber-optic data networking for businesses, governmental agencies, carriers and wireless providers. The company’s network of fiber-optic cables spans thousands of miles throughout southwestern Pennsylvania. Already in over 1,500 commercial buildings in the region, DQE Communications is continually working to expand its network.*

*DQE Communications’ services include Metro Ethernet, Wavelength, Internet, Dark Fiber, and Colocation.*

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