

DQE Communications Enters Market for SD-WAN Managed Services

Businesses Can Obtain Flexibility, Efficiencies of SD-WAN Without Challenges of Self-Managing
Infrastructure and Network Connections

Pittsburgh, PA – October 3, 2019 – DQE Communications (DQE), the premier provider of high-speed, fiber-optic networking for businesses and carriers throughout Southwestern PA, Eastern OH and Northern WV, is making it easier for companies with geographically-disperse locations to manage their network traffic. By launching its new, SD-WAN Managed Service, DQE is giving businesses the flexibility and scalability they need to support their growth and access cloud services or off-site data centers securely.

According to the International Data Corporation (IDC), 72% of midsize or large corporations will adopt a multi-cloud or hybrid IT strategy by 2021. Businesses overall are expecting to see a 20% increase in the enterprise bandwidth required per year at branch locations away from a corporate headquarters. As a result, demand for SD-WAN offerings is surging, with 90% of companies planning on implementing this type of solution within the next year.

"At DQE, we strive to support the evolving needs of our customers," says <u>Jim Morozzi</u>, President & CEO of DQE Communications. "With our new SD-WAN Managed Service, we can now support customers with branch office locations outside of our widespread fiber optic network footprint. As a centrally managed, turnkey solution, enterprises that partner with us can improve their business agility with secure and easily provisioned services they need. We're confident our SD-WAN solution will shape the digital transformation of the markets we serve by meeting growing demand for this type of product."

Businesses employing DQE's SD-WAN Managed Service will enjoy the simplicity of deploying the new offering. Implemented as an overlay to a company's existing or new network connections, DQE monitors and manages all installation, provisioning and software updates while providing customers with enhanced visibility and control through an online web portal. As well, the company offers tailored bandwidth options and even next-business-day equipment replacement with onsite sparing available. Other key features of DQE's SD-WAN Managed Service include:

- Speeds of 10Mb to 10Gb over various transport technologies
- Path conditioning (FEC/POC/QoS) to ensure private line-like performance
- Load balancing and link bonding to provide extreme reliability
- Dynamic multi-path control (packet-based routing)
- Real time traffic steering over broadband or MPLS
- Business intent overlays (BIO's)
- Zero touch provisioning (ZTP)
- Support for virtual appliances

To learn more about DQE's SD-WAN solution, visit the company's website at www.dqe.com.

About DQE Communications:

Headquartered in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, DQE Communications is one of the leading providers of high-speed, data networking for businesses and carriers. The company's continually expanding fiber-optic network currently spans thousands of miles and over 1,900 buildings and 116 business parks. DQE Communications' growing list of services include Metro Ethernet, Wavelength, Internet, DDoS Mitigation, Cloud Solution, Dark Fiber, and Colocation. A subsidiary of Duquesne Light Holdings, DQE Communications was established in 1997 to provide businesses with secure, reliable and flexible network services. For more information, visit www.DQECOM.com or call 1-866-GO-FIBER.