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Electric Lightwave Announces New Chief of Technology as Company Prepares for Accelerated Network Growth

Stephen Fisher to Lead Company's Evolution with Innovative Network Strategy And Expansion Plans

Vancouver, Wash. – Nov. 07, 2016 – Electric Lightwave, a provider of fiber-based, enterprise-grade networking, communications and technology solutions, announced today that it has appointed Stephen Fisher to the position of senior vice president and chief technology officer (CTO), effective immediately. Fisher will report to Electric Lightwave CEO, Marc Willency.

Fisher will drive Electric Lightwave's technology innovation as the company continues to provide unique and unparalleled network infrastructure. Fisher's approach converges technology, product, network and engineering, to architect the dynamic network solutions customers need to transform their business for the future. Today, enterprises are demanding multiple services and application solutions and Electric Lightwave is meeting these needs with a network delivering capacity, speed and security. Fisher will be responsible for overall network strategy that will include continued expansion of network routes in the Southwest in 2017.

"The appointment of Stephen to chief technology officer is yet another example of our company's laser focus on investing in and expanding our network to deliver reliable, robust fiber-based services through secure and diverse network routes," said Marc Willency, CEO, Electric Lightwave. "Stephen has a successful track record in network planning and design for our company and he's proven he is the right person to help us continue to execute on our vision for a fiber network designed around our customers."

Fisher has served as Electric Lightwave's CTO for the past three months, leading the engineering design and network planning organization for the company's overall network architecture. Prior to this position, he was vice president of network planning and security where he managed network planning, engineering, architecture, cyber security operations, crisis management and cloud operations.

"This is an exciting time for Electric Lightwave and an honor for me to be able to continue to lead the design and planning of the company's fiber-network," said Fisher. "We are already the largest regional fiber-based provider in the western U.S. and we have no signs of slowing down. We will continue to grow and innovate where our network is concerned so that our customers reap the awards for their businesses."

Fisher has been with Electric Lightwave for 16 years and has played a critical role in designing and creating the company's security solutions, as well as driving excellence in operations, provisioning and engineering. He has more than 20 years of telecom operations and engineering experience.

About Electric Lightwave

Electric Lightwave is the largest regional fiber-based network services provider in the western United States. The company provides critical data networking solutions, unified communications platforms, and cloud and security services to enterprises, governments and wholesale carriers. Headquartered in Vancouver, Washington, Electric Lightwave offers a fiber optic network that includes more than 8,000 miles of long haul fiber, 4,000 miles of metro fiber and high bandwidth access with up to 200 Gbps connections. For more information, visit www.electriclightwave.com.

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