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WebSafe Selects Southern Telecom® Co-Location Facility

ATLANTA (June 20, 2005) – Southern Telecom, a wholly owned subsidiary of Southern Company (NYSE: SO), today announced it has expanded its co-location customer base with the addition of WebSafe, a provider of secure Internet-based document management systems. Southern Telecom provides wholesale dark fiber optic cable and co-location solutions to large enterprise and telecom carrier customers.

WebSafe chose Southern Telecom to host its customer data to ensure the highest levels of document security. Southern Telecom's highly secure co-location facility in Birmingham, Ala. provides:

- Class-A structure with climate controlled environment, two separate power feeds and backup generators
- Limited personnel access with 24/7 security video surveillance and guards
- Redundant communications via multiple carriers
- Advance fire protection techniques including full HALON system

“Southern Telecom's wealth of experience, sophisticated network and secure environment is exactly what WebSafe was looking for in its co-location provider,” said Donald B. Moore, Director of Business Development with WebSafe. “We needed a partner that could provide a secure facility and immediate access to multiple telecommunication carriers for redundancy, and we found that connection with Southern Telecom.”

As one of the largest co-location facilities in Birmingham for communications providers, Southern Telecom offers a wide range of related services, including long-haul/metro dark fiber, conduit, maintenance and long-haul/metro optical cross connects. The company's Birmingham facilities serve as a carrier hotel for major telecom vendors and serves as a host site for Southern Company's IT operations.

“Southern Telecom provides a highly secure facility for enterprise data storage and disaster recovery,” said Leif Ericson, business development manager with Southern Telecom. “Whether a customer is looking for pre-designed sizing or built-to-suit options, we provide our customers with the best solutions to meet their specific needs and to ensure their core network infrastructure is protected.”

About Southern Telecom

Southern Telecom is a wholly owned subsidiary of Southern Company that provides long-haul and metropolitan dark fiber connecting Atlanta with other smaller cities throughout the Southeast. The company also provides network elements such as rights of

way, dark fiber, conduit, co-location and other related maintenance services. Southern Telecom is certified in Alabama, Florida, Georgia and also at the federal level. For more information about Southern Telecom, please call (678) 443-4120 or visit www.southern-telecom.com.

About Southern Company

With more than 4 million customers and nearly 39,000 megawatts of generating capacity, Atlanta-based Southern Company (NYSE: SO) is the premier super-regional energy company in the Southeast and a leading U.S. producer of electricity. Southern Company owns electric utilities in four states, a growing competitive generation company and a competitive retail natural gas business, as well as fiber optics and wireless communications. Southern Company brands are known for excellent customer service, high reliability and retail electric prices that are 15 percent below the national average. Southern Company has been ranked the nation's top energy utility in the American Customer Satisfaction Index six years in a row. Southern Company has more than 500,000 shareholders, making its common stock one of the most widely held in the United States. Visit the Southern Company Web site at www.southerncompany.com.

About WebSafe

WebSafe, Inc. provides a powerful and secure Internet-based document/file management service. Customers use WebSafe to store important information such as scanned images, word processing documents, spreadsheets, etc. on the servers located at Southern Telecom and then are able to access that information via the Internet. To insure the highest level of security, WebSafe encrypts all information both in transit and while stored. "Keys" can be given to trusted users, allowing collaboration of designated folders without compromising security. WebSafe also offers the ability to automatically backup critical information on a scheduled basis into the Customer's safe.

Customers using WebSafe include small businesses, accountants, attorneys, banks, individuals, students and anyone who benefits from securing important information and the expanded access offered via the Internet. For more information about WebSafe, please call 205.414.1903 or visit www.websafe.com.