

# Brightspeed Invests in Next Generation Services with Ribbon's Comprehensive Network Transformation Solution

Secures operational excellence and continuity while driving down operational costs

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Plano, TX – Ribbon Communications Inc. (Nasdaq: RBBN), a global provider of real time communications technology and IP optical networking solutions to many of the world's largest service providers, enterprises, and critical infrastructure operators to modernize and protect their networks, along with <a href="Brightspeed">Brightspeed</a>, an internet service provider and the nation's fourth largest fiber builder, today announced that Ribbon's solutions are helping modernize Brightspeed's network infrastructure while maintaining uninterrupted services for existing customers.

"Building a fiber broadband network across more than 160 communities in our footprint requires an investment in ensuring we can accelerate scalability," said Brightspeed Chief Technology Officer Brian Bond. "Ribbon's advanced solutions enable us to efficiently manage and upgrade our legacy assets with next-generation innovation to gain the operational efficiencies, flexibility and capabilities that facilitate our network transformation."

Brightspeed is leveraging a suite of Ribbon solutions including the <u>C20 Call Controller</u>, <u>Application Server</u>, <u>SBC</u>, <u>PSX</u> centralized policy and routing server, and Ribbon Application Management Platform (<u>RAMP</u>) to modernize its legacy central office equipment and lay the foundation for further innovation. Additionally, Ribbon's <u>NPT 1250</u> multi-service access routing platform, part of Ribbon's comprehensive <u>Neptune</u> IP Routing portfolio, enables technology convergence for the service provider's legacy assets.

Ribbon's network transformation solution helps enable Brightspeed to seamlessly replace decades-old rooms full of power-hungry legacy equipment, while its top tier professional services make the deployment transparent to both Brightspeed customers and regulatory bodies. Once operational, the new solution will use a fraction of the power, HVAC and real estate of the previous infrastructure while offering new capabilities, assuring the long-term reliability of Brightspeed's network without impacting Brightspeed's operational or billing systems.

"Brightspeed is setting the bar for how independent service providers can operate and compete in today's telecommunications landscape," said Sam Bucci, Chief Operating Officer and EVP, Ribbon. "Their blazing fast voicemail transition illustrates their ability to quickly drive cost out of their infrastructure while

ensuring their customers have access to critical functionality. We look forward to being a part of their ongoing network transformation success."

## **About Brightspeed**

Headquartered in Charlotte, N.C. and with assets and associated operations in 20 states, Brightspeed provides broadband and telecommunications services through a network platform capable of serving more than 6.5 million homes and businesses. Our more than 4,000 employees are committed to building a future where more communities benefit from a more connected life, deploying a state-of-the-art fiber network and a customer experience that makes being connected as simple as it should be. For more information, please visit <a href="https://www.brightspeed.com">www.brightspeed.com</a>.

#### **About Ribbon**

Ribbon Communications (Nasdaq: RBBN) delivers communications software, IP and optical networking solutions to service providers, enterprises and critical infrastructure sectors globally. We engage deeply with our customers, helping them modernize their networks for improved competitive positioning and business outcomes in today's smart, always-on and data-hungry world. Our innovative, end-to-end solutions portfolio delivers unparalleled scale, performance, and agility, including core to edge software-centric solutions, cloud-native offers, leading-edge security and analytics tools, along with IP and optical networking solutions for 5G. We maintain a keen focus on our commitments to Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) matters, offering an annual Sustainability Report to our stakeholders. To learn more about Ribbon, please visit rbbn.com.

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