



## **NexGen Networks Partners with Microsoft for Direct Connectivity to Microsoft Online Services and ExpressRoute**

*NexGen to provide private network cloud connectivity to existing and potential Microsoft Online Services users*

NexGen Networks, the premier provider of fiber optic-based network solutions to the world's top financial services firms and global enterprises, has announced a new partnership agreement with Microsoft Online Services to allow connections from NexGen's global network into the Windows Azure cloud. The partnership will provide NexGen customers with direct private network connectivity to Microsoft Online Services via Microsoft ExpressRoute Meet-Me Locations, in lieu of having their traffic routed over the public Internet. This will be known as NexGen Networks Direct Connect for Microsoft Azure ExpressRoute.

"This partnership will allow our clients to take full advantage of the power and flexibility of cloud computing while enhancing security and providing reliable, high-throughput, low-latency connections to Microsoft Online Services," says NexGen's Vice President Jeffrey Barth. "Our clients can operate in a truly global fashion while maintaining the security and privacy of a local connection."

ExpressRoute is a set of Microsoft technologies, capabilities and services that are offered to Microsoft Online Services users seeking direct network connectivity over a private network. By allowing customers to separate their internal applications from the public internet, ExpressRoute provides a higher standard of security and ensures a more consistent user experience through a powerful private connection. NexGen Networks clients who take advantage of the service can thus extend their most critical internal applications around the global NexGen Network at the maximum speed, security, and availability.

<http://www.nexgen-net.com/nexgen-networks-direct-connect-microsoft-azure-expressroute.html>

### **About NexGen Networks**

NexGen Networks, <http://www.nexgen-net.com>, is the premier provider of tailored, high-capacity communications services to carrier and enterprise customers. Nexgen Networks is committed to delivering cost-effective, custom solutions coupled with superior industry expertise, service and support that allows for unparalleled time to market connectivity. It offers a comprehensive suite of facilities-based services including: Ethernet, SONET, Wavelength, Dark Fiber, Internet Access, Colocation and more. Its fiber optic network leverages unique rights-of-way that deliver connectivity to the major metropolitan areas in North America, Europe and the Far East. While consistently building upon its private and public IP and Ethernet expertise and evolving its capabilities to continually meet the needs of its customers, large and small, it has continued to maintain a superior standard of customer service and support.