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DukeNet Communication Services, LLC Announces Completion of Engineering Department

DukeNet Communication Services, LLC (“DNCS”) announces the completion of its engineering department. Joining DNCS are Mark Heltzer, P.E. and Jeremy Ruble.

Heltzer is Manager, Engineering and Construction at DNCS. Prior to joining DNCS, Mr. Heltzer held the position of Senior Engineer – Substation Engineering for Duke Energy. While at Duke Energy, Mr. Heltzer performed structural analysis and detailing of both steel and concrete structures, shallow and deep foundation designs for electrical substations and transmission towers. Mr. Heltzer was a lead member of the substation siting team which locates, evaluates, and purchases raw land sites for future electrical substations. Mr. Heltzer performed site development engineering including, grading, drainage, and access road layout and design. Mr. Heltzer was responsible for obtaining local governmental approval for new substation sites and the expansion of existing facilities. During his tenure at Duke Energy, Mr. Heltzer continued to take on additional project management and leadership roles within Substation and Standards Engineering departments. Mr. Heltzer holds registration as a professional engineer in the State of Ohio.

Ruble is Manager, Construction, Operations, and Maintenance at DNCS. Prior to joining the DNCS team, Mr. Ruble worked for Clearwire Communications assisting in the launch of several Clearwire markets as a Network Deployment Construction Manager. Mr. Ruble managed turnkey construction vendors in the build of WiMAX communication networks in the northeastern United States.

“We’re delighted to have the benefit of Mark and Jeremy’s extensive experience and knowledge in the wireless communications industry” said Dan Turnpaugh, DNCS Vice President. “The addition of these two employees greatly enhances our ability to respond to the engineering and construction needs of our customers.”

About DukeNet Communication Services, LLC

DNCS is a non-regulated, wholly owned subsidiary of Duke Energy Corporation. DNCS provides wireless communication infrastructure solutions to major wireless carriers in the Midwest and Southeast. DNCS also develops wireless communication facilities on Duke Energy-owned real

estate in the Midwest and Carolinas. More information about the company is available on the internet at: <http://www.dukenet-towers.com>.

About Duke Energy

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