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Rocket Broadband Networks, Inc. Announces \$2.5Million Series A Financing

Rochester, New York - January 31, 2006. Rocket Broadband Networks, Inc., a bundled communications services provider headquartered in Rochester, New York, with operations in Buffalo, New York, today announced that it has raised \$2.5MM of equity in a Series A financing. The capital was provided by several private equity firms located across upstate New York. High Peaks Ventures Partners is the lead investor and they were joined by Rand Capital SBIC, LP, Trillium Group (through its University Seed Fund), and Onondaga Venture Capital Fund. The \$2.5MM capital investment will enable Rocket Broadband to accelerate its roll-out of "triple play" communications services, including television, high speed internet and phone services, to multiple dwelling unit (MDU's) properties. Rocket Broadband currently has long term agreements in place to provide services in a number of apartment complexes in western New York. Additionally, the company has begun network design and construction of some newly signed properties, and is expanding its marketing efforts to include markets across all of upstate New York and Pennsylvania.

In conjunction with the Series A financing, the company has named Phil Yawman as its Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Yawman brings 16 years of leadership and telecom experience in the areas of marketing, business development, finance, administration and real estate to the position. In 1998, He co-founded Choice One Communications, a

Rochester based competitive local exchange carrier (CLEC). In less than 7 years Choice One grew from a start-up company to a leading communications provider with over \$330MM in annual revenue, 1,200 employees and 100,000 customers in 12 states. Prior to co-founding Choice One, Mr. Yawman was a Vice President at ACC Corp. and spent 9 years at Frontier Corporation.

“There is an excitement and commitment to success that permeates the growth of an early stage company. Rocket Broadband has a unique business model and I strongly believe that it has great potential to create value for our customers, employees and our investor group. The market for how, how much, and how fast people want to connect to the outside world is growing and changing rapidly. By leveraging state of the art access technologies and bundling services together in customized packages, we have created a unique value proposition for the owners and managers of multiple dwelling units that will add significant economic value to both the landlord and the tenant.” said Yawman.

Rocket Broadband’s mission is to form strategic marketing partnerships with property owners and developers to provide "triple play" services -- satellite TV, broadband internet access, and VoIP based phone services -- to tenants of “Multiple Dwelling Unit” housing complexes (e.g. apartments, condominiums, hotels, etc.). Rocket Broadband is a system operator for DirecTV, the largest provider of digital satellite television services in the country. By offering customized, best of breed services and actively designing and managing the network infrastructure at each property, Rocket Broadband delivers a superior package of competitively priced services that enable property owners to offer unique amenities, attract new tenants, increase occupancy rates, and add new sources of revenue without incurring any capital expenditures or ongoing service costs.

Troy, New York based High Peaks Venture Partners led the financing and has committed \$1.5 million, \$900K of which is from the New York State Common Retirement Fund. Russ Howard, Managing Director of High Peaks Venture Partners said, “Rocket Broadband is well positioned to address the unique needs of MDU customers – both property owners and residents – that currently are not adequately addressed by incumbent providers. This is a very large, fast growing market opportunity. As investors in early stage companies, we believe the ability of an early stage company to take advantage of new market opportunities is driven by the quality and depth of its management team. With Phil Yawman joining Rocket’s co-founders Chris Bellacose and Clayton Baumann, a highly capable and experienced management team is in place to build a very successful company.”

About Rocket Broadband Networks, Inc.

Rocket Broadband is an integrated communication services provider. Headquartered in Rochester, New York, with additional operations in Buffalo NY, Rocket establishes long term partnership agreements with property owners and developers to provide bundled communication services including broadband internet, television and phone services to multiple dwelling unit (“MDU”) buildings. Rocket Broadband is the only MDU focused, System Operator for DirecTV in Upstate New York. Rocket offers its customers a customized package of competitively priced communications services and has developed a unique approach to enable property owners and managers of MDU properties to offer superior amenities and enhance the value of their properties without taking any financial risk. Rocket has strong financial sponsorship from several private equity investors across upstate New York including High Peaks Venture Partners, Rand Capital, Trillium Group, and Onondaga Venture Capital Fund.

About High Peaks Venture Partners

High Peaks Venture Partners (www.hpvp.com), based in Troy, NY, is a venture capital firm that invests in early-stage, high-growth, entrepreneurial companies throughout Upstate New York. With \$46 million in capital, High Peaks is Upstate New York's largest early-stage venture fund. High Peaks is focused on emerging technology businesses throughout New York State, and is a part of the Village Ventures nationwide network of regionally focused venture capital funds. The High Peaks team brings substantial experience as venture investors, entrepreneurs, and business advisors across a variety of industries.

About Rand Capital

Rand Capital Corporation is a publicly held venture capital and business development company, "BDC", headquartered in Buffalo, New York, registered on the NASDAQ Small Cap Market under the symbol "RAND". Rand's investment strategy is to provide venture capital and expansion capital to emerging businesses, primarily in Upstate New York and the Northeast, through Rand, and its SBIC subsidiary. Phone-716-853-0802, www.randcapital.com.

About Trillium Group

Trillium Group is a venture capital and private equity company specializing in startup, early stage, and high growth investments. Trillium invests through venture capital funds under management, including the University technology Seed Fund, the Monroe Fund, and the Trillium Lakefront Partners III Fund. For more information on Trillium, visit www.trillium-group.com.

About Onondaga Venture Capital fund

Founded in 1985 and based in Syracuse, NY, Onondaga Venture Capital Fund (ovcf@swns.net) is an early-stage venture capital fund that invests in high potential private companies in the Upstate New York region. Onondaga Venture partners with experienced entrepreneurs to provide them both financial and advisory support to assist in growing their business. Our industry experience and established network of investing partners provide an invaluable resource to start-up companies.