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Tipmont REMC to acquire Wintek Corporation

Lafayette, IN – Tipmont REMC announced it has reached an agreement to acquire Wintek Corporation, Lafayette’s premiere technology solutions provider. Together, the two companies will deploy residential fiber internet access to Tipmont’s current 23,000 customers in eight counties over the next eight years. In addition, they will continue to grow Wintek’s premier business class solutions and services such as state-of-the-art data center colocation, Cisco network design and implementation, and high-speed internet access and WAN/transport services.

“Tipmont and Wintek have enjoyed a strong partnership for many years. This merger is the perfect mix of Tipmont’s scale and resources with Wintek’s industry knowledge and community partnerships,” said Ron Holcomb, President and CEO of Tipmont. “Our members expressed the need for reliable, high-speed fiber internet and adding Wintek to the team strengthens our ability to deliver. Wintek’s proven technological expertise and innovation will ensure that the advanced fiber infrastructure and accompanying service benefits our communities for generations to come.”

All 22 Wintek employees will join Tipmont. Wintek COO and Co-Owner Oliver Beers will assume the role of Vice President of Marketing & Sales. Wintek Co-Owner and CEO Travis Bailey will assume the role of Vice President of Information Technology overseeing strategic technology initiatives.

“I’m extremely proud of Wintek and what we’ve accomplished. Our team is excited and ready to embrace the challenge that lies ahead,” said Oliver Beers, COO and Co-Owner of Wintek. “This area’s future is very bright, and I’m thrilled to be joining forces with Tipmont to bring state-of-the-art essential services to our communities.”

“I’m excited to continue the challenge of providing reliable high-speed internet services and driving innovation forward for both residential and business customers,” said Travis Bailey,

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CEO and Co-Owner of Wintek. “We are now positioned to continue providing leading edge services to our community.”

Tipmont is currently constructing the fiber-optic network that will deliver internet services to its service territory. In late November, the first residential customers were connected in Linden, IN and are currently participating in a two-month trial period. The service offering will include Tipmont’s fiber internet as well as video and voice services provided by Mulberry Telecommunications. Interested residential customers can find residential pricing and availability by visiting join.tipmont.org. To find out more about Wintek’s business services, please visit www.wintek.com.

The acquisition is expected to close by the end of the calendar year. The joint organization plans to unveil a corporate rebrand and naming convention in the coming months.

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ABOUT TIPMONT REMC

Tipmont REMC is a Rural Electric Membership Cooperative providing electric service to over 26,000 meters in eight Indiana counties including Tippecanoe, Montgomery, Fountain, Clinton, Carroll, White, Benton and Boone. Headquartered in Linden, Indiana with approximately 70 employees, Tipmont REMC is governed by a seven-person board of directors representing the membership that elects them.

Tipmont is also a Touchstone Energy Cooperative, a national alliance of local, consumer-owned electric cooperatives providing high standards of service and dedicated to serving members with integrity, accountability, innovation and commitment to community. More information is available at www.tipmont.org.

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ABOUT WINTEK

Founded in 1973, Wintek serves customers throughout the Greater Lafayette, Indiana area and beyond. Offering residential and business solutions, Wintek’s unique combination of technical knowledge, personal attention, and top-notch customer service is what sets us apart from the “big box” service providers. A Cisco Premier Certified Partner, Wintek offers residential and business fiber internet service as well as state-of-the-art data center colocation, Cisco network design and implementation, and WAN/transport services.

Wintek’s office is located near downtown Lafayette with an additional 7,200 square foot data center on Lafayette’s south side. More information is available at www.wintek.com.