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DigNet of New York City & Long Island Names Executive Director

Roger Sampson is DigNet's former President of the Board; Organization's first Executive Director

NEW YORK – (September 21, 2010) – DigNet of New York City & Long Island, a non-profit organization that notifies operators of underground facilities of planned digging activity, announced today that it has named Roger Sampson as its first executive director. As executive director, Sampson will oversee all operations of the one call center as it continues to prevent accidents involving underground lines caused by excavation and demolition.

Sampson has previously served as the president of DigNet's board of directors since 2007. He became involved with the organization as an employee of DigNet member Verizon Communications, where he worked as field technician, facilitator and then local manager from 1986-2010.

"As executive director, I am looking forward to helping DigNet become one of the most modern and best-run call centers in the country," said Roger Sampson, executive director, DigNet. "My biggest goal is to raise awareness of safe digging practices among homeowners and excavators in our area in order to increase the number of calls we receive and decrease the number of potentially dangerous and costly accidents that occur each year."

With Sampson assuming the role of executive director, DigNet has also named Mike McMahon of the Suffolk County Water Authority as the new president and Dan McGarry of National Grid as the new vice president of its board of directors.

DigNet operates under the laws of New York State and Code Rule 753 which is enforced by the Public Service Commission (PSC), all of which requires excavators to notify one of the two one call centers in the state prior to beginning any digging on a site. Failure to do so is punishable by fine. New York homeowners are not required by law to inform a one call center before digging on their property; but are still encouraged to do so due to the safety concerns. Accidents involving underground lines may result in service interruptions for area residents, leakage of dangerous materials into soil as well as injury and even death to workers.

To notify DigNet before beginning any digging project, please dial 811 or 1-800-272-4480. Please visit www.dignetycli.com for more information.

About DigNet of New York City & Long Island

DigNet of New York City & Long Island (formerly The New York City & Long Island One Call Center), is a member-funded, non-profit organization dedicated to the protection of underground facilities from damage due to excavation and demolition. DigNet's services include receiving notices of intent to perform excavation and demolition and transmitting them to its members in the specified dig area within the five boroughs of New York City and the two counties of Long Island. Upon receipt of the planned excavation notification, members including utility companies and other operators of underground facilities must properly mark their underground facilities to minimize the risk of damage and injury. Located in Queens, DigNet accepts requests 24/7 and is easily contacted by dialing either 811 or 1-800-272-4480. For more information, please visit www.dignetnycli.com.

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