

## **NEON History**

Globix Network Services Group, (formerly NEON Communications, Inc.), owns and operates a technologically advanced fiber optic network in 12 Northeastern and mid-Atlantic states.

NEON was originally incorporated as FiveCom, Inc. in Massachusetts in 1989. The business obtained its first rights-of-way from a regional electric utility in 1994, allowing the Company to use both existing rights-of-way and infrastructure to install fiber optic cables throughout Connecticut, Western Massachusetts, and New Hampshire.

Also in the 1990s, the Company reached additional agreements with other regional utilities, allowing for further expansion of the network in New England, and as far north as Maine. Service on the network began in 1998. Now a continuous fiber link from Portland, ME, to Boston, MA, and on to New York City and Washington, DC, the NEON network passes more than 500,000 businesses and 18 million households in the dense mid-Atlantic and Northeast markets. In September 2003, NEON completed the acquisition of Columbia Transcom, which provided an additional network from New York to Washington, DC.

In March 2005, NEON and Globix Corporation merged, and NEON officially became a wholly-owned subsidiary of Globix.