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Telephone, Internet Provider Expanding Into This Area ⁶¹

Socket, a privately held, Missouri-based telephone and Internet service provider, is expanding its services in the greater St. Louis area and in several mid-state and southern Missouri cities.

The company has added John Cleary as an account executive.

Socket, headquartered in Columbia, is a communications company that currently provides a combination of telephone and Internet services to more than 20,000 customers in more than 400 cities across Missouri.

Cleary is consulting with businesses in St. Louis City, St. Louis County, Pacific, Washington, Union, St. James, Rolla, Lebanon, Camdenton, Osage Beach and

instead of a cookie-cutter approach," he said. "Socket is changing the face of communications in Missouri and I am excited to be a part of it."

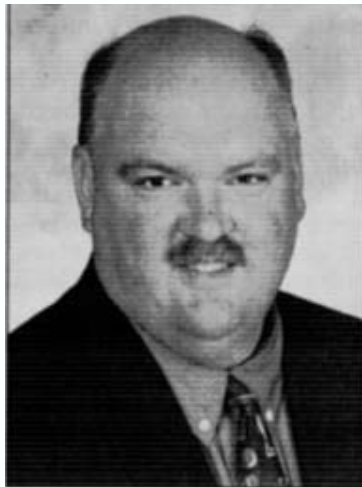
Cleary has more than 19 years' experience in both the Internet and telecommunications industries. He lives with his family in St. Louis County.

Founded in 1994, Socket is the largest Missouri-based telephone and Internet service provider in the state.

Socket provides business customers a choice for local and long-distance phone service by combining the highest quality customer service with in-depth technical knowledge to provide customized phone-service packages.

The company also provides high-speed DSL and accelerated dial-up Internet service to both business and residential clients.

For additional information, visit: <http://www.socket.net>.



John Cleary

Lake Ozark about their choices in communication services including local phone, long-distance, dedicated Internet and networking.

"Socket offers its clients the benefits of traditional telephone service with the high-tech advantages of the Internet," said Cleary.

"The combination enables us to provide voice and data services in unique ways and allows us to offer customized communications solutions