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CU*NorthWest Completes DR Test

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The data processing CUSO CU*NorthWest, announced today it has completed its second disaster recovery test in less than 9 months. Leveraging the cuasterisk.com network partnership between CU*Answers and CU*NorthWest, the test was performed at its hot site located at CU*Answers data center in Grand Rapids, MI.

According to CU*NorthWest, the testing scope included recovery of network connectivity to its online processing credit unions and restoration of its core processing solution CU*BASE. Additional validation of connectivity to critical third parties such as the Federal Reserve, share draft and key payroll processing providers for its credit union clients was also accomplished. Online reports access was achieved with verification of data accuracy and currency for all core member account data and associated reports.

“We recently made a sizable investment in a disaster recovery resources dedicated to CU*NorthWest,” said CEO Greg Smith. He went on to say, “By leveraging our network partner CU*Answers, we not only receive cost effective access to a state of the art data center in Grand Rapids, but have been able to strengthen our recovery and business resumption plans through standing resources at CU*Answers who are already familiar with our processing environment and technology – They could step in for us immediately.”

CU*NorthWest plans to test again before the end of 2010 and this time will focus on testing redundant network connections to online ATM/debit and credit card vendors in addition to shared branch network restoration from its hot site.

About CU*NorthWest

CU*NorthWest was founded in 2005 and is a 100% credit union-owned CUSO located in Liberty Lake, Washington. CU*NorthWest offers a wide variety of services for credit unions including its flagship CU*BASE processing system in both an online (ASP) and in-house environment, and Internet development services featuring the **It's Me 247** online banking product. Additional services include web site development, network design and security, bookkeeping services, and a complete eDocument solution. CU*NorthWest provides expertise in implementing technical solutions to operational needs, and helps credit unions form strategic alliances and partnerships. For more information, visit www.cu-northwest.com.

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