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Litel Communications Inc., a long-distance carrier in the Midwest, emphasized its desire to expand in the telecommunications market with the recent appointments of two former MCI executives to head the company.

Thomas J. Wynne was named president and chief operating officer of Litel this week, and earlier this month H. Brian Thompson was named chairman and chief executive. Litel, which is based in

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Columbus, Ohio, provides voice, data and video transmission services to businesses in Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, Pennsylvania and Ohio. The company also has some residential customers.

"It's a niche market with its own state-of-the-art fiber-optic network," Mr. Wynne said in a telephone interview. "And we are repositioning Litel to take advantage of the network sitting here."

The shift in leadership at Litel reflects the dissatisfaction with the company's sales growth by key shareholders, E. M. Warburg, Pincus & Company, and Primus Venture Partners. Last year, Litel had revenues of \$260.2 million. In addition, Litel's founder, Lawrence A. McLernon, resigned suddenly this year. Mr. Wynne, 51, who was with MCI for 14 years, left his post as president of MCI's West division in Denver in February when the company reorganized. In his new position, Mr. Wynne will be responsible for LiTel's day-to-day operations, and will continue to work as a team with Mr. Thompson, who oversaw his operations at MCI when he was executive vice president of MCI's domestic divisions.

Thought Litel is a medium-sized carrier with about 40,000 clients, Mr. Wynne was attracted by the network's potential and the quality of its services. "Coming from MCI, which is a high-growth company, we were looking for those kinds of opportunities," Mr. Wynne said. "So, we're looking closely at the residential market and expanding geographically."

Mr. Wynne added that Mr. Thompson had received the support of the shareholders in his plans to expand on a global basis.

Mr. Wynne, a graduate of St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia and a basketball aficionado, has relocated from Denver to Columbus with his wife.

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