



## MASERGY USHERS IN THE ERA OF THE PROGRAMMABLE ENTERPRISE

### *New Virtual f(n)<sup>™</sup> Delivers Router and Firewall Capabilities Entirely in Software*

DALLAS – June 30, 2015 – [Masergy Communications Inc.](#), a global leader in secure networking and cloud services, today announced Virtual f(n)<sup>™</sup>, its virtualized network function platform. Companies can now add routing and firewall capabilities via software, eliminating the need for specialized network appliances and on-site administration. Masergy's software delivery model is akin to mobile app stores where consumers can download software to their smartphones, turning them into versatile devices to access the Internet, conduct video calls and monitor home security.

“Network Function Virtualization (NFV) lets companies deploy network capabilities via software running on commodity hardware, but we've seen few commercial applications,” said Nav Chander, Research Manager, Enterprise Telecom, at IDC market research firm. “Masergy is one of the first communications service providers, to our knowledge, that has made this available to enterprises in the U.S.”

Virtual f(n) is part of [Masergy's Managed Network f\(n\)](#)<sup>™</sup> family of fully managed network services. Virtual f(n) joins Premise f(n) and Cloud f(n) to enable customers to mix and match deployment models and create agile, distributed network architectures that adapt to their changing business needs. Virtual f(n) works seamlessly with Premise f(n) and Cloud f(n) managed services.

“Virtual f(n) truly changes the way networks are architected by removing the management, cost and space requirements typically associated with physical network assets,” said Tim Naramore, CTO, Masergy. “Now, through a simple software download, our customers can add full-featured network services, without equipment shipments and on-site administration. This is the realization of our vision of the programmable enterprise.”

Virtual f(n) is available to Masergy customers on July 1 and can be ordered on-line through the company's Intelligent Service Control (ISC) portal. Customers who deploy the new VM-enabled Masergy Intelligent Bridge (MIB) can simply log into the portal to

enter their requirements and Masergy will configure and deploy network functions to their desired locations on-the-fly.

Software-based Brocade routers and Fortinet firewalls are available immediately. Additional services, including session border controllers and WAN accelerators, will be released upon certification.

### **About Masergy**

Masergy owns and operates the largest independent global cloud networking platform and delivers fully-managed hybrid networks to enterprises. Masergy also provides advanced managed security and cloud unified communication solutions. Our patented technology, customizable solutions and unmatched customer experience are why a growing number of global enterprises rely on Masergy to deliver performance beyond expectations. Learn more about [Masergy](#) and follow us on our blog [Transforming Enterprise IT](#), Twitter [@Masergy](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Facebook](#).

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