



The VON Coalition

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VON Coalition Statement on FCC Announcement Concerning Release of National Broadband Plan

BACKGROUND: The Federal Communications Commission announced that it was planning to delay the release of the National Broadband Plan by one month.

The following statement can be attributed to Glenn Richards, Executive Director of the VON Coalition.

“The FCC has done an impressive job collecting significant amounts of data. While VON Coalition members are anxious to see recommendations that will provide the appropriate market incentives and regulatory reforms to facilitate the nationwide deployment and adoption of broadband, it is critical that the FCC make comprehensive and workable recommendations. To the extent that additional time will facilitate the release of a national broadband plan that supports greater investment and innovation and results in greater benefits for consumers, the VON Coalition supports the FCC extending its work on the plan beyond the original date established by Congress.”

About the VON Coalition:

The Voice on the Net or VON Coalition consists of leading Internet communications companies, on the cutting edge of developing and delivering voice innovations over Internet. The coalition, which includes AT&T, Cisco, Google, iBasis, Microsoft, New Global Telecom, Skype, T-Mobile and Yahoo, works to advance regulatory policies that enable Americans to take advantage of the full promise and potential of Internet communications. The Coalition believes that with the right public policies, Internet based voice advances can make talking more affordable, businesses more productive, jobs more plentiful, the Internet more valuable, and Americans more safe and secure. Since its inception, the VON Coalition has promoted pragmatic policy choices for unleashing the potential of Internet communications. <http://www.von.org>