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INCOMPAS/Verizon Release Third BDS Compromise Paper: Hail Rare Achievement, Uniting Every Corner of Business Broadband Market Around Future Solution

WASHINGTON DC (August 9th, 2016) – In advance of the FCC reply comment period deadline, Verizon and INCOMPAS, the internet and competitive networks association, have released the third document in their historic compromise agreement to reform the broken business data marketplace in favor of a future forward, technology neutral solution.

The first INCOMPAS/Verizon paper offered principles; the second structure; and today’s release delivers specifics and substance to help guide the FCC’s Business Data Service, or special access, proceeding.

The filing ([click here](#)) details a “competition test” that evaluates the market based on the number of facilities-based providers with connections in a census block or adjacent census block. It also includes mechanisms that will cut broadband prices for businesses, schools, libraries and hospitals as a remedy for a decade of non-market based pricing.

In addition to the filing, Chip Pickering, CEO of INCOMPAS, released the following statement:

“The INCOMPAS/Verizon agreement is historic and rare. It not only unites a leading incumbent provider and the competitive community, it has garnered support from consumer groups and nearly every corner of the wired, wireless and international broadband economy. Our compromise offers a simple, technology neutral solution that will right the wrongs of the past and place our nation on a better path for a future of unparalleled innovation and investment.

“Compromise is never easy, but we have worked together diligently to forge a solution that is sound, balanced and simple. We urge the Commission to act with great speed, ending a decade long delay. This reform will accelerate investment in new fiber and 5G deployments. Unleashing the future of competition for business customers, schools, libraries and hospitals will bring lower prices, more choices and faster speeds for all Americans.”