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INCOMPAS: FCC Pole Attachment Decision a Step Forward for Broadband Deployment

Washington DC (November 24th, 2015) -- Today, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) takes the next step in achieving the underlying purpose of the 2011 Pole Attachment Order. This is a critical step forward in promoting broadband deployment by resolving the remaining disparities between the pole attachment rates applicable to cable and telecommunications providers.

The FCC action was in response to a petition filed by INCOMPAS (then COMPTEL), the National Cable and Telecommunication Association (NCTA), and Level 3 (then tw telecom).

The following statement can be attributed to Chip Pickering, CEO of INCOMPAS - the competitive networks association:

“Large or small, incumbent or competitor, broadband providers stand united in their support of increasing broadband deployment through sound, reasonable pole attachment policy.

“The FCC’s decision to essentially grant the joint request by telecommunication carriers and cable operators to ensure unified and reasonable pole attachment rates is a win for consumers and business customers looking to connect with future networks.”

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