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FCC ANNOUNCES SERIES OF OPEN INTERNET ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS

GN Docket No. 14-28

In the *2014 Open Internet NPRM*, the Commission began the process of closing the gap created by the *Verizon* decision, which left no legally enforceable rules for the Commission to prevent broadband providers from acting to limit Internet openness.¹ The *2014 Open Internet NPRM* sought broad public comment on how the Commission should ensure that the Internet remains open, and proposed new rules and enhancements to current rules.²

To further develop our understanding of the issues, the Commission will host a series of staff-led Open Internet Roundtable Discussions in the Commission Meeting Room (TW-C305), 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C., 20554. The roundtables will be free and open to the public, and will also be streamed live at <http://www.fcc.gov/live>.

The Open Internet Roundtable Discussions will provide an opportunity for the Commission staff and interested parties to further examine the actions the Commission should take for its goal of determining the best approach to protecting and promoting Internet openness. Specifically, the roundtable discussions will focus on public policy considerations and how they should be addressed to protect and promote Internet openness in both the fixed and mobile markets; the technological considerations involved in protecting the open Internet; how the competitive landscape and the economics of providing broadband and online services affects Internet openness; how the Commission can effectively enforce the current and proposed open Internet requirements; and the various legal theories underlying possible Commission actions in this area. The titles and dates for each of the roundtable discussions are listed below, and further details concerning the agenda and panelists for each roundtable will be forthcoming. The Commission may subsequently schedule additional roundtable events in this series.

¹ *Protecting and Promoting the Open Internet*, GN Docket No. 14-28, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 29 FCC Rcd 5561 (2014) (*2014 Open Internet NPRM*). The transparency rule was upheld by the *Verizon* decision.

² *Id.* The *2014 Open Internet NPRM* established deadlines for comments and reply comments as July 15 and September 10, 2014, respectively. On July 15, 2014, the Commission announced that comments filed by July 18, 2014 would be considered timely. See *Wireline Competition Bureau Will Treat as Timely Filed Any Comments Filed in Response to the Open Internet Notice Of Proposed Rulemaking and the Framework For Broadband Internet Access Service Refreshing the Record Public Notice if Filed by July 18, 2014*, GN Docket Nos. 10-127, 14-28, Public Notice, DA 14-1002 (Wireline Comp. Bur. rel. July 15, 2014).

Open Internet Roundtable	Date
Policy Approaches to Ensure an Open Internet	September 16, 2014 (morning)
Mobile Broadband and the Open Internet	September 16, 2014 (afternoon)
Effective Enforcement of Open Internet Requirements	September 19, 2014 (morning)
Technological Aspects of an Open Internet	September 19, 2014 (afternoon)
Economics of Broadband: Market Successes and Market Failures	October 2, 2014
Internet Openness and the Law	October 7, 2014

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For additional information about these meetings, please contact the designated bureau staff person for each of the roundtables:

For information about the Policy Approaches to Ensure an Open Internet Roundtable on September 16, contact Kristine Fargotstein, Wireline Competition Bureau, at (202) 418-2774 or Kristine.Fargotstein@fcc.gov.

For information about the Mobile Broadband and the Open Internet Roundtable on September 16, contact Dan Ball, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Spectrum and Competition Policy Division, at (202) 418-1577 or Daniel.Ball@fcc.gov.

For information about the Effective Enforcement of Open Internet Requirements Roundtable on September 19, contact Stephen Ruckman at (202) 418-8192 or Stephen.Ruckman@fcc.gov.

For information about the Technological Aspects of an Open Internet Roundtable on September 19, contact Henning Schulzrinne at Henning.Schulzrinne@fcc.gov.

For information about the Economics of Broadband: Market Successes and Market Failures Roundtable on October 2, contact Tim Brennan at Tim.Brennan@fcc.gov.

For information about the Internet Openness and the Law Roundtable on October 7, contact Stephanie Weiner at Stephanie.Weiner@fcc.gov.

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