



# NEWS

**Federal Communications Commission**  
**445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.**  
**Washington, D. C. 20554**

**News Media Information 202 / 418-0500**  
**Internet: <http://www.fcc.gov>**  
**TTY: 1-888-835-5322**

---

This is an unofficial announcement of Commission action. Release of the full text of a Commission order constitutes official action.  
See MCI v. FCC, 515 F.2d 385 (D.C. Circ 1974).

---

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:  
March 19, 2008

NEWS MEDIA CONTACT:  
Clyde Ensslin, (202) 418-0506  
Email: [clyde.ensslin@fcc.gov](mailto:clyde.ensslin@fcc.gov)

## **FCC EXPANDS, IMPROVES BROADBAND DATA COLLECTION**

Washington, D.C. –

An Order adopted by the Federal Communications Commission today will increase the precision and quality of broadband subscribership data collected every six months from broadband services providers. Improvements include collecting detailed subscribership information on a local level and more detailed information about the speed of broadband service. Specifically, the Order will:

- Expand the number of broadband reporting speed tiers to capture more precise information about upload and download broadband speeds in the marketplace
- Require broadband providers to report numbers of broadband subscribers by Census Tract, broken down by speed tier and technology type
- Improve the accuracy of information the Commission gathers about mobile wireless broadband deployment.

Also, in a Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, the FCC seeks comment on broadband service pricing and availability.

Separately, the FCC today adopted a report showing that broadband services are currently being deployed to all Americans in a reasonable and timely fashion. The Fifth Report to Congress on broadband deployment under Section 706 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 finds that there have been considerable changes and advances in the delivery of broadband-based services and applications since the Fourth Report.

Action by the Commission, March 19, 2008, by Report and Order (FCC 08-89). Chairman Martin, with Commissioners Copps, Adelstein, and Tate approving and concurring in part, and with Commissioner McDowell approving and dissenting in part. Separate statements issued by Chairman Martin, Commissioners Copps, Adelstein, Tate, and McDowell.

Docket No.: 07-38

Wireline Competition Bureau Staff Contact: Ellen Burton at 202-418-0940

Action by the Commission, March 19, 2008, by Report (FCC 08-88). Chairman Martin, Commissioners Tate and McDowell with Commissioners Copps and Adelstein dissenting. Separate statement issued by Chairman Martin, Commissioners Copps, Adelstein, Tate, and McDowell.

Docket No.: 07-45

Wireline Competition Bureau Staff Contact: Adam Kirschenbaum at 202-418-1580

-FCC-

News about the Federal Communications Commission can also be found  
on the Commission's web site [www.fcc.gov](http://www.fcc.gov).