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INTEGRA TELECOM ENDORSES FCC NET NEUTRALITY PLANS
Open Internet Access Critical to Increasing Internet Use

Portland, Ore. – Oct. 22, 2009 – Dudley Slater, the CEO of [Integra Telecom Inc.](http://www.integratelecom.com), a facilities-based, integrated communications provider for business, released the following statement regarding a notice of proposed rulemaking on draft rules for preserving an open Internet adopted by the FCC earlier today:

“Integra Telecom would like to commend FCC Chairman Julius Genachowski on the Commission’s adoption of the proposed rulemaking on net neutrality. The Chairman’s plan is an important step to achieving the Administration’s goals of preserving an open Internet and enhancing and safeguarding consumer choice and competition” said Dudley Slater, CEO of Integra Telecom. “Open Internet access is critical to maintaining market competition, which in turn ensures fair pricing and customer service. It also fosters innovation and encourages investment in new technologies, networks and infrastructure to support business growth.”

Integra Telecom is one the largest competitive telecom providers in the nation, serving more than 130,000 businesses in 11 primarily Western states. All Integra Telecom products and services are supported by locally-based customer care representatives and technicians.

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