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“I am pleased to hear AT&T’s announcement, which continues a consumer-friendly trend of more open wireless networks. The devil is in the details, and I urge the company to implement its policy in a way that maximizes consumer choice. It is appropriate that barriers to consumer movement between and on wireless networks continue to fall, and I will be watching with interest as these developments unfold.”

Verizon Wireless recently made a similar announcement.

On July 11, 2007, the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing on wireless innovation and consumer protection, addressing the issue of open access. Please visit <http://energycommerce.house.gov> to view testimony or the webcast from the hearing.

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