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IPCC Announces Industry Leading Report on Emergency (E911) Calling Requirements for VoIP Networks

Fremont, Calif. – Nov. 29, 2005 – The International Packet Communications Consortium (IPCC), the industry’s technology forum working to advance Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) over broadband cable, wireless, and wireline, announced today the completion of a technical report that discusses emergency calling requirements for VoIP networks. This paper is released to coincide with the FCC- mandated deadline for implementation of enhanced 911 (IP-E911) services by interconnected VoIP service providers. The report assists service providers offering VoIP services, and agencies (FCC, NENA, APCO) that regulate and advocate emergency services. The IPCC, which is becoming a focal point for reconciling the multiple technical and regulatory challenges behind this initiative, provides an impartial analysis of technologies and economic factors surrounding this critical issue.

IPCC’s Chairman Michael Khalilian commented, “It is well understood that VoIP is a nomadic service. As such, there is no location information associated with a call event. While the building blocks of location-identifying technology exist, this is still a topic widely open to innovation and implementation. And, while we completely understand the regulatory drive to support emergency services, the report advocates the need for a realistic timeframe for a complete solution. Further, the report compares VoIP to cellular services, which for the past 10 years has posed a challenge to the FCC and the industry in implementing emergency services for E911.

Available now through the IPCC, this report entitled, “Emergency (E911) Calling Requirements for VoIP Networks,” discusses all aspects of E911 calling, the FCC requirements, current E911 challenges, National Emergency Number Association (NENA) solutions, 911 data objects, interface definitions, functional elements, implications of the architecture, as well as conclusions and recommendations.

The IPCC has published numerous technical reports on VoIP this year, including VoIP Interconnection, Session Border Controllers, Wireline and Wireless Convergence, and Voice Quality Evaluation Process for VoIP Calls.

IPCC's Director of Technical Working Groups Marian Stasney commented, "In order to accelerate VoIP deployments, the IPCC drives common methodologies and metrics for VoIP, such as interconnecting with traditional networks, and IP convergence. Our Technical Working Groups, which are comprised of IPCC member companies who represent all aspects of VoIP technology, products and services, ensure each document is company and vendor-neutral, and represents an unbiased view of solutions to critical VoIP issues."

IPCC Technical Report Summaries Available

Summaries of the technical reports are available on the IPCC website at www.ipccforum.org. To obtain a copy of the reports, and for information about joining the IPCC, contact Debbie Hetland at dhetland@ipccforum.org.

About the International Packet Communications Consortium (IPCC)

The IPCC is a leading international industry association dedicated to accelerating the deployment of VoIP over wireless, wireline, and cable broadband networks. The association is comprised of service providers, solutions providers, system integrators, and government agencies translating industry standards into revenue generating services. IPCC members develop simpler, more cost-effective technical frameworks for converged services in wireline, cable, GSM, CDMA, 3G, WiFi and WiMAX networks. The IPCC and its working groups are focused on the deployment and promotion of real-time services through educational forums, technical working groups, and industry conferences. For additional information, visit www.ipccforum.org.

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