

Ericsson's comments in FCC's National Broadband Plan proceeding

The FCC's stated goal is for every citizen and business to have access to broadband, and for the U.S. to serve "as a model for the world in creating a partnership between government and industry" to achieve that goal. Rather than focusing solely on data rates, it is important that the FCC recognize the importance of mobility in a national broadband plan. Mobility is defined as consumer access -- wherever and whenever -- to applications of their choosing on a multitude of devices. The FCC should maintain a technologically neutral approach, not favoring one broadband access technology over another. Ericsson Inc's comments touched on three main areas:

- Evenhanded network oversight that recognizes providers' needs to manage their networks and does not overburden them with prescriptive non-discrimination or openness regulations in the absence of any market failures;
- Evolving spectrum policies through wider bandwidth allocations, renewed focus on licensed spectrum, and maximizing international harmonization; and
- Using Universal Service Funds to support the broadband networks and applications that bring opportunities to more Americans, regardless of their economic status or their geographic location.

