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## SPECIAL BULLETIN

### **Open Internet Rules *Enhanced Transparency Requirements Delayed***

As many expected, the FCC [voted today](#) to delay implementation of the Open Internet Order's enhanced transparency requirements for small businesses. As we noted in the December 22, 2016 *Special Bulletin*, the FCC had failed to extend, again, the enhanced transparency requirements adopted in the 2015 Open Internet Order. This, coupled with the "sudden" approval of the rules by the OMB, meant that small businesses (those with less than 100,000 customers) would have to comply with the new rules by January 17, 2017.

The FCC's action today retroactively delays implementation of the enhanced transparency rules for providers with 250,000 or fewer broadband connections for five years. Thus, small providers can safely ignore the enhanced transparency requirements, but still must comply with the original transparency requirements adopted in 2010. Below are excerpts from the News Release.

***"The Federal Communications Commission today relieved thousands of smaller broadband providers from onerous reporting obligations stemming from the 2015 Title II Order, freeing them to devote more resources to operating, improving and building out their networks."***

***"An Order adopted by the Commission finds that providers with 250,000 or fewer broadband connections would be disproportionately impacted if required to comply immediately with the 2015 enhanced reporting requirements. These providers frequently serve rural areas that lack broadband, or provide competitive alternatives for consumers in other markets."***

Please let us know if you have any questions.



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Questions? Comments?

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