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**WIRELESS FOUNDERS RESPOND TO FCC CHAIRMAN KEVIN MARTIN'S
'OPEN ACCESS WITHOUT WHOLESALE' PLAN**

July 10, 2007 – Dr. Amol Sarva of the Wireless Founders Coalition for Innovation issued the following statement about the release of the full text of the FCC's report and order for the upcoming 700 MHz auction:

We applaud the Commission for embracing open access principles, although we continue to believe that a wholesale rule would ensure the existence of a network operator committed not only to the letter of the openness rule, but also to its spirit. We believe a wholesale competitor could do much ensure what the Commission seeks to do via policing.

While the open access principles are a major step of progress in the order, we are concerned that the order preserves a bottleneck carrier approval process for device certification. As WFCI members described in House and Senate committee testimony, the device approval process has been used by carriers to gate access to their networks. At best, even with the addition of anti-discrimination rules, the approval process will still result in considerable delays in getting innovative products to market. At worst, the carriers will find ways to use such delays to their own advantage.

We would have much preferred Carterfone-type rules that allow device makers to market innovative devices without a "Mother, May I" carrier certification process.

We hope that the FCC will address some of these issues during the reconsideration process.

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The Wireless Founders Coalition for Innovation, a group of wireless entrepreneurs who are behind numerous industry "firsts" in the U.S. market, has called upon the FCC to apply wireless Open Access rules to a swathe of spectrum in the upcoming 700 MHz auction. The Wireless Coalition presented its views in a letter to FCC Chairman Kevin Martin and in testimony before the Senate Commerce Committee. For more information on the Coalition, please

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The full list of signatories to the Coalition's letters to the Commission include early employees, CEOs or founders of Virgin Mobile USA, Txtbl, Palm, PalmSource, Aliph, Vindigo, mPortal, Good Technology, Omnisky, Soonr, Penthera, Dodgeball.com, Seven Networks, Antenna Software, BUGlabs, and Bitwave Semiconductor.