



# **Working Group 10: CPE Powering**

## **Status Update**

December 4, 2013

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# WG# 10 Objectives

## **Description:**

With the rapid proliferation of VoIP technologies as substitutes for legacy telecommunications services, end-users are now utilizing a service that lacks the lifeline they were once accustomed to. Instead of being powered from the resilient back-up power infrastructure in the serving central office, the user's home device is powered by a local battery when line power is lost, as often happens during emergencies. Different communications providers have different policies as it relates to powering these devices. This Working Group will recommend best practices for providing back-up power to VoIP customer premises equipment, including best practices for consumer notification.

## **Deliverable(s):**

- Recommend consumer outreach and communications strategies for making users aware of back-up power features in their home adapter.
- Recommend best practices for powering consumer devices during commercial power failure.



# WG# 10 Members

## Members

- Chair - Tim Walden, Co-Chair – Century Link
- Brian Allen, Co-Chair – Time Warner Cable
- John Healy - FCC Liaison
  
- Lois Burns – PA Public Utility Commission
- Seth R. Davis – Innovative Companies
- Unnamed (TBD) – Consumer Union
- Unnamed (TBD) – Disabilities Representative
- Robin Erkkila – TeleCommunication Systems, Inc.
- Eric Dreas, Director, Engineering Operations – Comcast
- Mike Nawrocki – Verizon
- Alland Sy – Goldman Sachs
- Steve Schwartz – Goldman Sachs
- Michael Delaney, Jr. – Director, New Technology Product Developing Engineer – AT&T
- Marte Kinder, Sr. – Planner/011 – Time Warner Cable
- Dr. Thomas Schwengler – CenturyLink



# WG# 10 Status

- 1<sup>st</sup> In-person/conference call held 12.4.13
  - Update will be provided during the council meeting
- Two working groups have been established
  - Recommend consumer outreach and communications strategies for making users aware of back-up power features in their home adapter
  - Recommend best practices and alternatives for powering consumer devices during commercial power failure



# WG# 10 Approach

- Sub-working groups will meet a minimum of once per month with the entire WG meeting quarterly for status updates
- Deliverable timetables will be confirmed within a month



# Next Steps

- Will be established during the morning meeting on 12.4.13
- Update will be provided during the council meeting

