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ITTA Announces New Members

(Washington) ITTA, a Washington, DC based trade association dedicated to advancing the interests of mid-size communications service providers, announced today that Cincinnati Bell, Hargray Communications, SureWest Communications and Hickory Tech Corporation have joined the organization.

“ITTA is delighted that Cincinnati Bell, Hargray Communications, SureWest Communications and Hickory Tech Corporation have joined ITTA and we look forward to working together on the critical policy issues that are pending at the Federal Communications Commission and Congress this year,” ITTA President Genny Morelli said. “Mid-size carriers continue to invest in their networks to bring the benefits of broadband to increasing numbers of Americans. Along with our newest members, ITTA will continue to champion public policies that ensure the ongoing viability of our communications networks to enable those networks to bring 21st Century services to consumers throughout the U.S.”

“Joining ITTA makes sense for Hargray” said Trey Judy, Director – Regulatory. “ITTA has an excellent reputation in Washington for representing the interests of mid-size telecommunications carriers. As we grow and our business model evolves it’s imperative that we have a strong advocate to promote our interests before federal policymakers.”

New Member Company Information:

Cincinnati Bell (NYSE: CBB) provides a wide range of telecommunications products and services to residential and business customers in Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana.

Hargray Communications, headquartered in Beaufort County, SC, provides traditional telephone, high speed internet access, television services, and wireless service to customers in the southeast portion of South Carolina and the Savannah metro area in Georgia.

Hickory Tech Corporation (NASDAQ: HTCO), headquartered in Mankato, Minnesota, offers local and long distance phone service, high-speed Internet access, Digital TV, and advanced business and IP networking services in southern Minnesota, northwest Iowa, and central Iowa.

SureWest Communications (NASDAQ: SURW), headquartered in Northern California, offers bundled residential and commercial services in the greater Sacramento and Kansas City regions.

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ITTA represents mid-size communications companies that provide a broad range of high quality wireline and wireless voice, broadband, Internet, and video services to over 19 million customers in 44 states.