

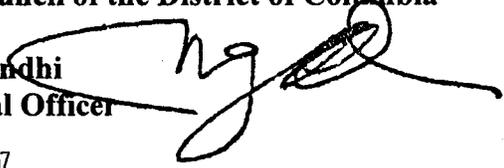
GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
Office of the Chief Financial Officer



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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Honorable Vincent C. Gray  
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

**FROM:** Natwar M. Gandhi  
Chief Financial Officer 

**DATE:** OCT 17 2007

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement: "Telecommunications Competition  
Amendment Act of 2007"

**REFERENCE:** Bill 17-332 As Introduced

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**Conclusion**

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2008 through FY 2011 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation.

**Background**

The proposed legislation would amend the Telecommunications Competition Act of 1996<sup>1</sup> and D.C. Official Code §34-403<sup>2</sup> to exempt Voice over Internet protocol (VOIP) service and Internet protocol-enabled service from regulation by the District Public Service Commission (PSC).

The proposed legislation would not apply to the provision, rates, charges or terms of service of VOIP service or Internet protocol-enabled service. In addition, the proposed bill would not mandate or prohibit: the assessment of enhanced 9-1-1 or Universal Service Fund fees on VOIP service or Internet protocol-enabled service; the payment of any switched network access rates or other inter-carrier compensation rates that may be determined to apply; or alter the jurisdiction of the Office of Cable Television and Telecommunications with respect to the provision of video services in the District of Columbia.

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<sup>1</sup> Effective September 9, 1996. D.C. Law 11-154; D.C. Official Code § 34-2001 *et seq.*)

<sup>2</sup> An Act Making appropriations to provide for the expenses of the government of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1914, approved March 4, 1913. 34 Stat. 993; D.C. Official Code § 34-403.

### **Financial Plan Impact**

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2008 through FY 2011 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation. Exempting VOIP service and Internet protocol-enabled service from regulation by the PSC would not have a fiscal impact on the District government. The proposed legislation would not alter the District's authority to assess or collect taxes on these services.