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CableLabs® Adopts NDM-U 3.1

CableLabs® recently completed an upgrade of DOCSIS™ 1.1 which brings it into alignment with NDM-U 3.1. DOCSIS™ 1.1 also defines an NDM-U 3.1-based service specification for collecting usage information about service flows between cable modems and the cable modem termination system. With this adoption, the IPDR NDM-U is now firmly entrenched for use by the world-wide packet cable industry. The first DOCSIS™ 1.1 solution incorporating NDM-U 3.1 is slated for deployment in Q1 2003. The DOCSIS™ 1.1 service specification will be available on the IPDR.org website within the next month.

Supplier/Partner Settlement project moves forward

The Business Requirements Working Group (BRWG) has made significant progress in the past two months toward drawing up a first draft of a Supplier/Partner Settlement (S/PS) document which focuses on the exchange of settlement transactions for content services. Specifically, the BRWG has developed a general use case and some preliminary business requirements. You can access the latest draft of this document:

www.ipdr.org/members/BusinessRequirements/contribs/Settlement/SPS1.0ID-R2.pdf.

If you are interested in contributing to the development of this specification contact Ken Sarno, kensarno@ipdr.org, or join the weekly BRWG calls on Wednesday at 11:30am EST.

Streaming IPDR Internet-Draft submitted to IETF IPFIX

Jeff Meyer, the chair of the Protocol Working Group (PWG), has recently submitted an IETF internet-draft to the IPFIX working group, which describes a new streaming IPDR protocol for use between service elements and mediation applications (the A interface as defined in NDM-U) based upon the NDM-U 3.1 record encoding scheme. This project has significant potential to push visibility and adoption of NDM-U into a much broader community, since IETF/IPFIX has active participants from equipment manufacturers, mediation vendors, and academia.

A copy of the IETF internet-draft can be found at:

<http://ipfix.doit.wisc.edu/archive/1123.html>

Members are encouraged to participate in the IETF IPFIX working group to advocate the adoption of Jeff's internet draft.

IPDR Compliant Testing Session, November 19th to 21st

IPDR.org will be sponsoring an IPDR Compliant testing session in San Antonio Texas, from November 19th to 21st. Participation in IPDR Compliant Testing Sessions is a requirement for gaining IPDR Compliant status. Please contact Ken Sarno, kensarno@ipdr.org, if you are interested in participating.

Advisory Council Kick-off Meeting, Sept 17th at 11am EST

IPDR.org and GBA are jointly sponsoring the Communication Service Provider – Advisory Council (CSP-AC) who's goal is to gather a "brain trust" of experts who: represent the real needs and practices of IP and next-generation service providers, support usage-measurement and value-based billing, and gather knowledge regarding systems integration of billing and usage-measurement systems, particularly for next-generation services.

Participation in the CSP-AC is open to managers and technical experts working for Service Providers or Operators, Charter and Supporting members of IPDR.org, and members of the GBA.

The Kickoff meeting for the CSP-AC will be held on Sept 17th at 11am Eastern. Contact Aron Heintz ahheintz@ipdr.org if you wish to join the call. For more information about the CSP-AC, check out the IPDR.org website at <http://www.ipdr.org/csp/index.htm>.

IPDR.org Membership Meeting, October 9th to 11th

There will be an IPDR.org membership meeting in San Antonio Texas, October 9th – 11th. IPDR.org president Aron Heintz will present a review of our accomplishments in 2002 and a vision for 2003. The members will be asked to influence the 6-month mission statements for the various IPDR.org projects. A significant amount of time has been set aside for the working groups to make progress on their various projects. Contact Marianne Jenkinson, mjenkinson@ipdr.org, if you wish to attend.

Upcoming Speaking Opportunities

IPDR.org has three invitations to speak at upcoming events. If you have a representative within your company who would like to present on behalf of IPDR.org, please contact Marianne Jenkinson at mjenkinson@ipdr.org. Please visit the IPDR.org web site to view the events at which IPDR.org and member representatives have confirmed their participation www.ipdr.org/calendar/index.htm.

Billing & Revenue Management Congress

IBC Sponsor

November 19-20, 2002

Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Panel Session: Viewpoints on Standardization

IP Billing and Mediation Strategies for Fixed and Wireless Services

Sponsor: Marcus Evans

January 29-31, 2003

London, UK

30-40 minute presentation on one or (a combination) of the following topics:

- QoS – Will zero latency enable operators to widely utilize usage-based charging models?
- Will usage-based pricing work in a corporate environment
- Billing for 2.5G and 3G services
- Understanding the opportunities and the challenges of converged billing

Mobile Billing @ 3GSM Conference

IBC Sponsor

February 17-18, 2003

Cannes, France

Panel Session: Global Review: Examining Transition Models to 2.5G and 3G Billing

IPDR.org Website Upgrade

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