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Yesterday, in a brief filed with the Supreme Court of the United States as amicus curiae, **Competitive Carriers Association (CCA)** urged the Court to grant certiorari of a pending appeal and resolve a split amongst lower courts related to the statutory prerequisites for denying applications for siting wireless facilities. **T-Mobile South, LLC (T-Mobile)** seeks review of a decision by the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals which allows local authorities to deny applications without providing any underlying reasoning included as part of the denial.

SimpleAir announced today that a federal jury returned a verdict that **Google** owes \$85 million in damages for infringing SimpleAir's U.S. Patent No. 7,035,914. A separate jury had unanimously determined in January 2014 that Google infringed all five asserted claims of the '914 patent and that each claim was valid. The infringing services are the Google Cloud Messaging (GCM) and Android Cloud to Device Messaging (C2DM) services. The services are used by Google to process and send push notifications for Android applications such as Facebook, Twitter, and Gmail.

AT&T announced that employees represented by the Communications Workers of America have voted to ratify a four-year contract with AT&T Mobility. The contract covers more than 11,500 AT&T Mobility employees in CWA District 3 - the Southeast Region, which includes Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and St. Croix, USVI.

Digigram announced the release of a new Network Time Protocol (NTP) feature for the company's IQOYA LINK, IQOYA LINK/LE, and IQOYA SERV/LINK IP audio codecs. Facilitating audio synchronization via an NTP server, this feature allows radio broadcasters to assure an audio experience for on-the-go listeners receiving signals from a series of different transmitters in a multiple-frequency FM network and to resolve the audio delay caused when adjacent transmitters receive signals from different sources, such as satellite and terrestrial IP links.

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