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OCS announces new technology

OCS is pleased to announce that we will soon be deploying new Internet radio equipment in the community, under an experimental FCC license for use of the analog frequencies that were released through television's conversion to digital broadcasting earlier this year. These are the old VHF and UHF channels that predate cable, which are now collectively known as the "TV White Spaces" (or simply TWWS).

As we have done many times before, OCS will be first in the area to test this emerging national (even global) technology. Among its many advantages are longer ranges of coverage, higher speeds, and an increased ability to penetrate foliage and other obstacles.

OCS is one of several WISP (wireless ISP) participants in this nationwide project. Based on feedback we will provide to the FCC and any required fine-tuning of the equipment, we anticipate that our license will be made permanent following the test

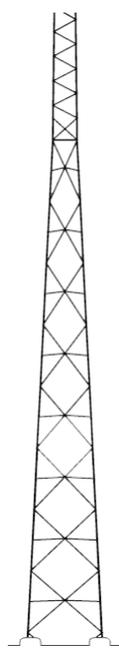
period. Deployment of OCS TWWS equipment is expected to begin in the first quarter of 2012, and permanent licensing may be granted by summer.

New OCS tower approved

The Porterville City Council recently approved an OCS proposal to erect a new tower on the site of our main offices on North Porter Road.

When completed within about a year, this new tower will significantly improve our multiple links to remote towers on regional hills and mountaintops, which in turn support service to various surrounding communities. It will also maximize our utilization of the new TWWS frequencies, as described in the story above.

OCS was the first local company to bring fiber west from downtown, several years ago. All of our fiber trunks terminate at our Porter Road offices, which makes that the logical and most efficient location for this new primary tower.



Facebook privacy gets FTC shakeup

Facebook has settled a federal complaint about its privacy practices, making major changes to the way it handles user information.

As part of the settlement, Facebook agreed to let users "opt into" changes that alter how their personal information is shared with advertisers and other users, to disclose the information it shares with third parties and to submit to two decades of

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Windows 8 and Tablet Computers

Developers have been working with Windows 8 beta versions for about six months now. So far there is no doubt that the focus is shifting to tablet computers, possibly "to the point of alienating traditional desktop [and laptop] users" according to a recent review at techrepublic.com.

Tablets are certainly all the rage today, and the OCS shop has seen a significant increase in the number of tablets we service or configure. But can a tablet replace a laptop, or a desktop?

PC Magazine (pcmag.com) says "It may be that you'll want both" depending on your usage. Tablets are good for taking notes, for reading, for email, and for Web surfing in a café or public area.

However, tablets don't handle multitasking among multiple open windows well, nor do they offer convenient control over full-bore office apps like Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint.

A university recently issued Apple iPad tablets to incoming students. Although popular, it didn't free them to leave their laptops at home – instead they used the tablet as a tool to complement their laptop as they walked around campus. Good typists will also discover that on-screen keyboards are harder to type on at the same speed and with the same accuracy that they're used to achieving with a physical keyboard.

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annual privacy audits to ensure its compliance.

"Today's Facebook settlement is an important step, making it clear that companies can't simply change the rules without asking users' permission," said an ACLU policy attorney. "But to keep pace with new technology, we also need new laws and tools like Do Not Track and comprehensive privacy legislation to help us safeguard our own personal information." (*Story source: cnet.com*)

Network Disclosure Statement

As we wrote in our last newsletter, the FCC – in accordance with its "Open Internet" (aka Net Neutrality) ruling – now requires that all Internet service providers post a Network Disclosure Statement on their websites and in public display. This statement describes the ISP's methods of content delivery to verify that they are not discriminatory.

This statement is posted on our website (*click Subscribers, then Network Disclosure Statement*) and in our office. Please contact us with any questions.

Fan Mail



"Your service is great! I was with another local wireless ISP previously and had nothing but problems. OCS is very professional and you have superb customer service." -J/KH

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	Min	Typ	Max			Installation	Equipment Deposit ²	
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Basic	125K	500K	750K	12GB	5	100.00	100.00	49.95
Premium	250K	1M	1.5M	20GB	5			79.95
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Business	375K	1.5M	2M	30GB	10			129.95
Professional	500K	2M	3M	35GB	25			159.95
Corporate	750K	3M	4M	45GB	30			199.95
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Alpine, Pierpoint, Camp Nelson	125K	375K	750K	8GB NEW!	5			69.95

1. Monthly usage is the allowed bandwidth per month. Surcharges apply for excess usage.
2. Equipment deposit is fully refundable upon termination of service after one year.
3. For areas served by Blue Ridge tower, add \$10 monthly rural service fee.

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