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Ericsson e-services is a part of the Open Services Gateway Initiative (OSGI).

OSGI provides a forum for the creation of open specifications for the delivery of multiple services over wide-area networks to local networks and devices, and to accelerate the demand for products and services based on these specifications worldwide through the sponsorship of market and user education programs.

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"The 'Open Service Gateway Standard' is the right answer to a huge latent end-user demand for easy access to new Internet-based services, truly enhancing Consumers' daily life. The development of an open industry-wide standard supporting these services is an essential step to transform this into a true major new market. With its strong expertise in internet and telecommunications, Alcatel will be at the forefront of this consumer and SMB market, further expanding the Alcatel Internet screenphone platform," underlined Patrick Liot, president of Alcatel's Professional and Consumer Division,

Cable and Wireless

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"With the OSGi specification, we are finally able to bring

integrated communications all the way - into the home," said Chris Gare, director of Network Services and Technology, Cable and Wireless plc. "This will create a new market for network and service operators which will lead to a new generation of internet and communications services. Cable & Wireless is a leading provider of integrated communications, with major businesses in UK, Hong Kong, Australia and the USA."

Electricité de France

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"Today, at Electricité de France (EDF), one of the main power suppliers in the world, we are seeing the emergence of more and more solutions to enable different electric devices to communicate within the home whether it be wiring or wireless networks", says Gerard Menjon, EDF executive vice president, head of R&D division. "This is a basic essential for developing the new services that our clients need. We need to have a gateway enabling easy and effective management of these services for a large scale of customers. Open Service Gateway is an interesting initiative that meets this need."

Enron Communications

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"We believe the Open Services Gateway Initiative will bring a level of consistency to the industry that will open the door to a range of new capabilities," said Rex Shelby, senior vice president of engineering, Enron Communications. "This effort is consistent with Enron Communications' goal of bringing advanced applications to all network-connected users. The Initiative offers a tremendous opportunity to quickly move the industry forward in a way that is positive for network providers, application platform providers, and end users."

Ericsson

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"By combining wireline, wireless and Internet technologies network operators and ISPs will bring consumers completely new services. With this specification a new market is being shaped. Ericsson will deliver carrier class robust solutions to operators taking the challenge of providing new e-services as well as connect home networks to the internet, building the smart home," says Torbjorn Nilsson, executive vice president, marketing and sales, Ericsson.

IBM

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"IBM is committed to driving open standards, and initiatives such as the Open Service Gateway are essential for spurring development and acceptance of a wide range of new pervasive

computing technologies and applications," said Mark Bregman, general manager of IBM's Pervasive Computing Group. "Today's announcement supports IBM's goal of seamlessly connecting a wide range of devices and ensuring that they are simple and intuitive to use."

Lucent Technologies

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"Given the explosive demand of Internet use and end-users needs for more and more bandwidth, and deployment of high-speed access technologies like DSL and cable modems, now is the perfect time to focus on developing an industry-wide standard that can be used as a platform to create enhanced voice, data and broadband applications and services," said Frank D'Amelio, vice president, product marketing and management, Switching and Access Solutions, Lucent Technologies. "The Open Services Gateway initiative/alliance continues Lucent's support of standards-based solutions and should accelerate the growth of home networking as new, interoperable products and services come to market for residential and small office/home office users."

Motorola

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"The networked home is a tremendously exciting environment, where we will be witnessing a true convergence of Internet and mobile applications," said Dr. Alain Briancon, vice president and director, Digital Experience, Motorola Personal Networks. "This convergence will change the way we all live and interact with our homes, as multiple service providers begin to integrate 'home intranets' with the broader, worldwide web. The OSG Specification is an important first step in applying and extending Motorola's expertise delivering creative wireless network technologies with our DigitalDNA(TM) vision of creating embedded experiences for consumers. It will expand the capabilities of Motorola's recently announced Broadband Information Gateways, which combine the benefits of broadband access and in-home networking, delivering new Internet-based services to a rich variety of smart devices and everyday consumer appliances," Dr. Briancon said.

Network Computer, Inc.

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"The OSGI compliments NCI's efforts to deliver information appliance based solutions and technologies to our customers," said Charlie Tritschler, vice president of marketing at Network Computer, Inc. "This open platform will integrate with NCI's client and server products and enhance our ability to add new technology, applications, and services."

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"As network access providers continue to accelerate their deployment of cable modems and Digital Subscriber Line (DSL) modems, more and more consumers will have access to a high-speed, always-on connection to the Internet," said Steve Edwards, vice president of Data Access Solutions, Nortel Networks. "The Open Services Gateway initiative is extremely important as it helps create a dynamic, standards-based platform for delivering new services that can take full advantage of the capabilities offered by today's high-speed access technologies."

Oracle

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"In a world where the majority of Internet content and relational enterprise data is stored in Oracle® databases, it is only natural that we should work to secure access to this content from homes and small offices," said Denise Lahey, vice president of Oracle Mobile and Embedded Products. "In the future, OSG compliant service gateways will make our homes more intelligent by seamlessly linking them to the wealth of information stored in central databases over the Internet."

Philips

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"The OSGi initiative represents a natural fit and logical extension of Philips' efforts in home networking," said Krish Gopala, senior vice president of Strategic Alliances at Philips Electronics. "Our goal is to set the standards necessary to create a networked home environment. For consumers, this will create an entirely new world of in-home entertainment and internet-based services. We're making things better and at the same time easier for consumers to use."

Sybase

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"The development of the Open Services Gateway standard is a huge advance towards making the networked 'home of the future' a reality," said Terry Stepien, vice president and general manager, Sybase's Mobile and Embedded Computing Division. "Sybase's leadership in the mobile computing database market offers a natural extension to defining the Open Services Gateway's data management API, which will enable the provision of future robust electronic services directly into homes and small offices."

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"Today's announcement represents broad consensus on how enterprises and service providers will reach beyond the desktop computer, and directly to the home," said Jonathan Schwartz, director of enterprise products at Sun Microsystems, Inc.'s Java Software. "This alliance demonstrates that the next generation of portal-based computing is not just about a mouse and a monitor: instead, it's about using smart homes, smart buildings and smart equipment to better connect to customers, vendors and suppliers. Internet service will be as ubiquitous as the power in your home, and just as pervasive."

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