



## **Granite Customers Meet with FCC Commissioners**

*FCC to decide whether businesses will have competitive choices during the transition to IP-based networks*

**QUINCY, MA** –July 28, 2015 -- Granite Telecommunications, LLC, a provider of voice, data, networking, and other communications services, accompanied several high-profile business customers to the Federal Communications Commission on Friday, July 24, to support the FCC's proposal in its *Technology Transitions* proceeding requiring telecom carriers to provide wholesale services to competitors at reasonably comparable rates, terms and conditions during the transition to IP-based networks.

Sahal Laher, CIO, Brooks Brothers, Inc.; David Schacht, CIO, Simon Property Group, Inc.; and Andy Laudato, CIO, Pier 1 Imports, joined Granite CEO, President and Founder Rob Hale in urging the FCC to ensure that businesses served by competitive carriers will continue to have choices in their service provider and maintain predictable rates. Granite's customers attended four separate meetings with FCC Chairman Wheeler, Commissioner Rosenworcel, Commissioner O'Rielly and Nicholas Degani, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Pai. Granite representatives met with Commissioner Clyburn's Legal Advisor the day earlier.

Granite's Hale stated, "We enthusiastically support the Chairman's proposal and the transition to new technologies. The proposed rules are important for Granite's customers, such as the customers who visited the FCC, who will be able to continue to enjoy the benefits of advanced IP technologies and count on receiving high-quality communications products and services for many years to come." The FCC will vote on the proposed rules at its open meeting on August 6, 2015.

Simon Property Group owns and operates over 300 shopping malls in the United States with over 30,000 retailers who employ approximately 600,000 to 800,000 people. Granite has consistently grown by more than twenty percent per year by providing customized communications solutions to multisite businesses that include two-thirds of the companies listed on the Fortune 100.

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### **About Granite**

Granite provides voice, data and other related communications products and services to multi-location businesses and governmental agencies throughout the United States and Canada. Granite furnishes services to more than two-thirds of the Fortune 100 companies in the United States, and 1.3 million phone lines under management. Granite employs over 1,300 people at the company's headquarters in Quincy, MA and offices in Atlanta, GA, Miami, FL, New York, NY, Providence, RI, Chicago, IL and Dallas, TX. For more information, visit [www.granitenet.com](http://www.granitenet.com)