

Google says government should follow U.S. lead on unlicensed, 'white space' spectrum

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Canada's transition from analogue to digital television broadcasting next year will open up so-called "white space" spectrum that the U.S. has defined as unlicensed and, if Canada follows suit, could lead to innovations in wireless broadband, Jacob Glick, Google's Canadian policy counsel, told **The Wire Report**.

"We think that there will be a lot of innovation in wireless broadband in the white spaces," Glick said.

In the United States, Google has been a proponent of opening up white spaces—unused "buffer zone" frequencies between channels that were allocated for analog broadcasting—for unregulated wireless broadband use.

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