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## NCTA urges FCC to reject calls to boost broadband standard to symmetrical 100-Meg



Proposals to raise the definition of broadband to a symmetrical 100 Mbit/s – up from today's standard of 25 Mbit/s down by 3 Mbit/s up – is 'disconnected from the reality,' NCTA argues.

The NCTA – The Internet & Television Association has urged the FCC to reject proposals to raise national broadband speeds standards to a

symmetrical 100 Mbit/s, arguing in part that typical usage patterns remain largely asymmetrical.

Several parties, including Google Fiber, Allo Fiber and Ting Internet, have [suggested](#) that the FCC raise broadband speed definitions to a symmetrical 100 Mbit/s, up from today's standard of 25 Mbit/s downstream by 3 Mbit/s upstream. The current definition, they argued, "is outdated and no longer meets the needs of consumers ... The 25/3 Mbps definition of broadband was adopted in 2015, and was even then considered obsolete by many commentators. It is even more obsolete now."

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## Cybersecurity the top risk for telcos in 2024



When EY publishes its annual study on the "top ten risks" facing the telecom sector for the coming year, cybersecurity is usually in the top three. For the consultancy's 2024 edition it has moved, ominously, into the number one position.

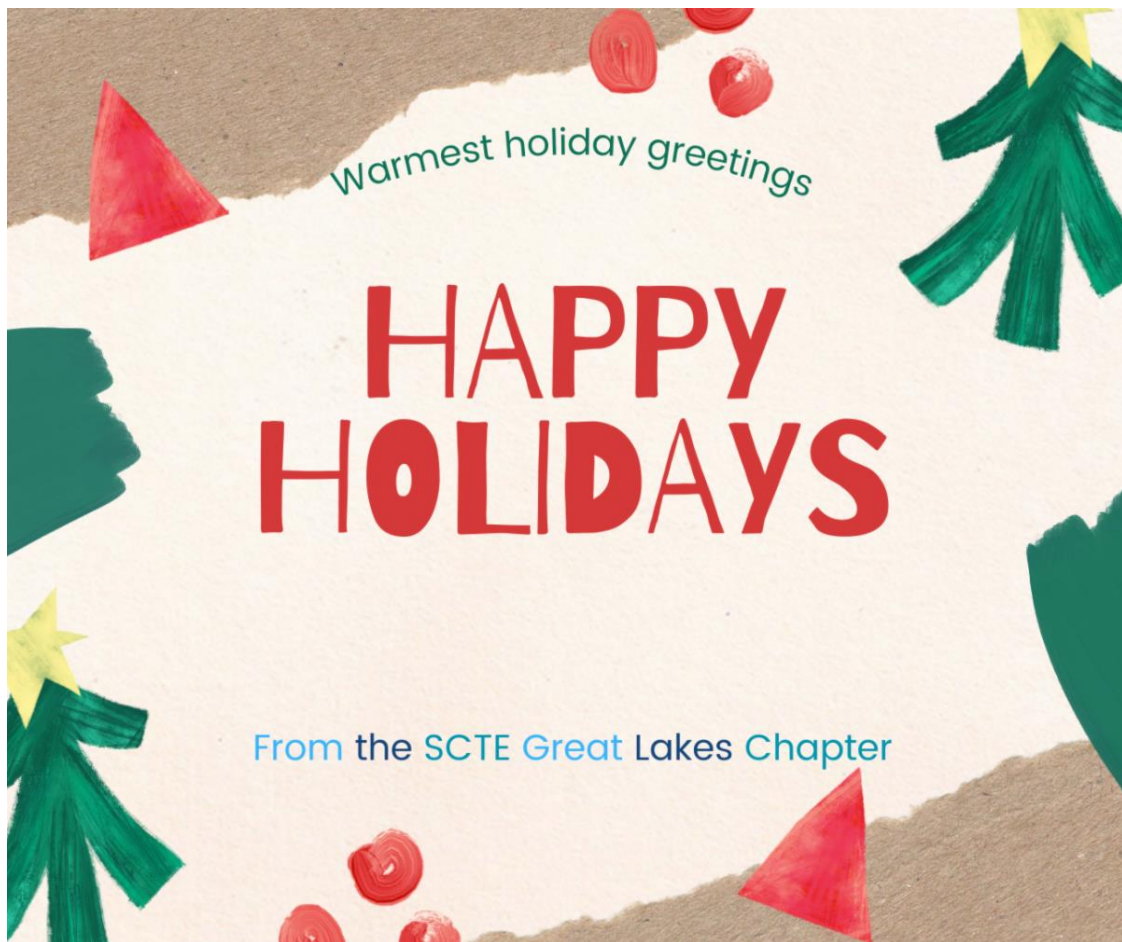
"Our own research indicates that telcos are spending more annually on dealing with cyber threats, but there has been a layering of maybe

additional anxiety because of GenAI," Adrian Baschnonga, lead analyst at EY's Global TMT division, told Light Reading. "There's an accountability and transparency need that seems to be growing compared to, say, the last wave of privacy and data security regulation surrounding GDPR [general data protection regulation]."

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