

Internet Gambling: Minnesota ISP Black List Issue NOT Resolved Yet!

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Point-Spreads.com has learned that a number of news outlets have reported that the Minnesota ISP "black list" situation has been resolved. As you may recall from back at the end of April 2009, written notice to block internet gambling websites was served to AT&T Internet Services, San Antonio; Charter Communications, St. Louis; Comcast Cable, Moorestown, N.J.; Direct TV, Los Angeles; Dish Network, Englewood., Colo.; Embarq and Sprint/Nextel, both of Overland Park, Kan.; Frontier Communications, Stamford, Conn.; Qwest, Denver; Verizon Wireless, Bedminster, N.J.; and Wildblue Communications, Greenwood Village, Colo.

While iMEGA, the Minnesota attorney-general's office and the Department of Public Safety have been involved with efforts to reach a settlement, as of today no final agreement has been reached.

Press reports that iMEGA has declared victory in this matter are inaccurate. While we cannot speak to whatever information other organizations or officials are basing their own public statements, Point-Spreads.com has learned that it is the position of iMEGA, the Minnesota attorney-general and the Department of Public Safety that no settlement agreement exists concerning the internet gambling "black list" at this time, and that statements of other parties outside of the negotiation are speculative and premature.

However, it is our hope that this matter may be resolved as quickly as possible, so that Minnesota residents may rest easy and feel no threat of censorship of their Internet service.