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U.S. District Court finds Vonage guilty; Verizon Says Its Innovations Contribute to Building World-Class Networks

Jurors in a patent infringement case before the U.S. District Court for the Virginia Eastern District on Thursday, March 8, ruled that VoIP service provider Vonage Holdings Corp. infringed three U.S. patents held by Verizon and must pay \$58 million plus possible future royalties to its competitor.

"A jury today found that Vonage Holdings Corp. has infringed three United States patents awarded to Verizon covering methods of offering commercial-quality VoIP services, including wireless access to VoIP," said John Thorne, Verizon senior vice president and deputy general counsel.

"Patents encourage and protect innovations that benefit consumers, create jobs and keep the economy growing. Verizon's innovations are central to its strategy of building the best communications networks in the world," he continued. "We are proud of our inventors and pleased the jury stood up for the legal protections they deserve."

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