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Mari has nearly two decades of experience in the telecom industry. Prior to joining US Ignite, she covered broadband infrastructure and telecom as a full-time journalist. She also worked as an independent writer and analyst in the private sector with companies including Limelight Networks and Motorola before its acquisition (and later sell-off) by Google.

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