

What does a potential BlackBerry sale mean for D.C.? - The politics of Obama's E-Rate reform plan

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EPIC ENJOYS FOUR AMICUS BRIEFS ON SECTION 215 SUIT — Four sets of law professors and privacy backers have submitted briefs in support of the Electronic Privacy Information Center's bid to have the Supreme Court halt the NSA's phone records collection. The filings come from former Church Committee members, the Cato Institute, and two sets of law professors, and look at the statutory legality of the 215 program, the history of surveillance abuses, constitutional questions, and the Supreme Court's authority to address EPIC's unusual petition for SCOTUS to step in. Any case is going to have its share of amicus briefs, but EPIC's Alan Butler posited to MT that the filings lend credence to the argument that justices have the proper authority to step in. And a filing from the U.S. Solicitor General last week asking for more time to respond to EPIC's petition indicates that the federal government is taking EPIC's action seriously, Butler said. Catch the briefs here: <http://bit.ly/15Bruei>