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FCC'S COMMON CARRIER BUREAU AND NARUC TO HOST INDUSTRY FORUM ON IMPLEMENTATION OF SLAMMING LIABILITY PROCEDURES

The Federal Communications Commission's Common Carrier Bureau and the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners' (NARUC) Committee on Consumer Affairs will jointly host an industry forum to discuss implementation of the Commission's new slamming liability rules and procedures on Wednesday, August 23, 2000, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, in the Commission Meeting Room, TW-C305, at 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC. The Commission adopted these rules and procedures in the First Order on Reconsideration in its slamming proceeding: *Implementation of the Subscriber Carrier Selection Changes Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996; Policies and Rules Concerning Unauthorized Changes of Consumers' Long Distance Carriers*, CC Docket No. 94-129, First Order on Reconsideration, FCC 00-135 (rel. May 3, 2000).

The industry forum is an outgrowth of the state-industry working group established by NARUC's Consumer Affairs Committee to address the implementation of the First Order on Reconsideration. Representatives of the Commission's Common Carrier Bureau and NARUC's Committee on Consumer Affairs, as well as representatives of the Commission's Consumer Information and Enforcement Bureaus, will be on hand to discuss industry questions about the implementation of the slamming liability rules and procedures.

Anyone wishing to attend this industry forum should contact Michele Walters, Associate Chief, Accounting Policy Division, Common Carrier Bureau, (202) 418-7400, mwalters@fcc.gov; or Bev DeMello, Director, Division of Consumer Affairs, Florida Public Service Commission, (850) 413-6107; bdemello@psc.state.fl.us. For additional information, or to request reasonable accommodations, please contact William Cox (202) 418-7400; wcox@fcc.gov.