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WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU ANNOUNCES AGENDA AND SPEAKERS FOR PUBLIC FORUM FOR THE 7TH ANNUAL COMMERCIAL MOBILE RADIO SERVICES COMPETITION REPORT

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As previously announced by a Public Notice released on February 14, 2002,¹ the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau will hold a Public Forum addressing issues related to the acquisition and analysis of data on the state of competition in the Commercial Mobile Radio Services (CMRS) industry for the Federal Communications Commission's 7th Annual CMRS Competition Report. The Public Forum will be held on February 28, 2002 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC, in the Commission Meeting Room. The Public Forum will be open to the public and seating will be available on a first come, first served basis.

The Public Forum will focus largely on data regarding the development of rural and underserved wireless markets. Specifically, the Public Forum will address ways in which the Commission can acquire and analyze industry data and levels of competition in such markets. Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Chief, Thomas J. Sugrue will provide opening remarks. The following agenda provides the names and affiliations of the invited panelists. The opportunity for questions and answers will follow each panel's presentations. Additional participants may be confirmed prior to the event.

Panel I: Overview: Wireless Service Provision and Consumer Information

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Robert Roche, Vice President for Policy and Research
Cellular Telecommunications and Internet Association

Chris Murray, Telecommunications Fellow
Consumers Union

Greg Rosston, Deputy Director and Research Fellow
Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research

¹ Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Announces a Public Forum for the 7th Annual Commercial Mobile Radio Services Competition Report, *Public Notice*, DA 02-365, (rel. February 14, 2002).

Panel II: Industry Research and Data Analysis

2:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Dan Ginsburg, Supervisory Economist
Bureau of Labor Statistics

Michael Reese, Economist
Bureau of Labor Statistics

Adam Guy, Senior Analyst, Mobile Wireless Research
The Strategis Group

Charles Mahla, Senior Economist
Econ One

Panel III: Service Rollout from a Rural Perspective

3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Terry Addington, President of the Board of Directors
Rural Cellular Association

Ken Johnson, Director, Legislative and Regulatory
Rural Telecommunications Group

Mark Rubin, Government Liaison
Western Wireless Corporation

Doug Stephens, Interim Chief Operating Officer and VP for the Central Region
Dobson Communications Corporation

Interested parties, not formally presenting materials at the forum, are encouraged to file written comments including any data they would be willing to share with the FCC. Please be aware that, in response to contaminated mail last October, the U.S. Postal Service ("USPS") is irradiating certain mail sent to the Commission by first-class mail, USPS Express Mail, and USPS Priority Mail. This process can result in delivery delays and the deterioration of mail. Due to these understandable and unexpected delays, you may wish to send materials via commercial overnight mail, e.g., FedEx, DHL, UPS, etc., or hand deliver it to the following address: Cindi Schieber, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau/A&IAD, Federal Communications Commission, 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. This location is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays. If you would prefer to send the files electronically, you may attach files (Microsoft Office 97 or earlier) and send to cmrs7report@fcc.gov. The comments will be available at <http://wireless.fcc.gov/cmrs-crforum.html>.

The forum will be closed captioned and will be carried live on the Internet through RealAudio from the FCC website at: <http://www.fcc.gov/realaudio/>. A transcript of the

forum will be available 10 business days after the event on the FCC's Internet site at <http://wireless.fcc.gov/cmrs-crforum.html>. Transcripts may also be obtained from the FCC's duplicating contractor, Qualex International, 445 12th St., S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20554, telephone 202-863-2893, facsimile 202-863-2898, or via e-mail qualexint@aol.com.

Audio and video tapes of the forum be purchased from Infocus, 341 Victory Drive, Herndon, VA 20170, by calling Infocus at (703) 834-0100 or by faxing Infocus at (703) 834-0111. Copies of the transcript in other alternative formats (computer diskette, large print, and Braille) are available to persons with disabilities by contacting Brian Millian (202) 418-7426 voice, (202) 418-7365 TTY, or bmillian@fcc.gov. Send requests for reasonable accommodations to fcc504@fcc.gov, or contact Helen Chang, Section 504 Officer, 202-418-0424, 202-418-0432 TTY, or hchang@fcc.gov. Include a description of the accommodation you will need, the event you will be attending, location, date, and time. Also include a way of contacting you if we need more information. Please submit your request at least 5 days in advance so that we can assure provision of the service you require.

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