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COMMISSION FIELD HEARING ON BROADCAST OWNERSHIP TO BE HELD FEBRUARY 27, 2003

The Federal Communications Commission will hold a field hearing to discuss issues and views with respect to the FCC's broadcast ownership rules and policies. The Commission is in the process of a comprehensive reexamination of its rules (see MB Docket No. 02-277) to ensure that they reflect the current media marketplace, are based on empirical evidence, and are analytically consistent.

Date/Time: Thursday, February 27, 2003

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Location: Richmond, Virginia

The hearing discussions will focus on the goals of diversity, competition and localism. The agenda and details regarding the site of the hearing will be provided in a subsequent public notice.

Attendance at this field hearing is open to the public. Seating will be available on a first come, first-served basis. Requests for reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities should be made by sending an e-mail to: fcc504@fcc.gov. Include a description of the accommodation you will need including as much detail as you can. Also include a way we can contact you if we need more information. Make your request as early as possible; please allow at least 5 days advance notice. Last minute requests will be accepted, but may be impossible to fill. Contact the following Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau staff: for sign language interpreters, CART, and other reasonable accommodations, contact Helen Chang, 202-418-0424 (voice), 202-418-0432 (TTY), hehang@fcc.gov; for accessible format materials (braille, large print, electronic files, and audio format) contact Brian Millin, 202-418-7426 (voice), 202-418-7365 (TTY), bmillin@fcc.gov.

Interested members of the public may also participate in this proceeding by filing comments electronically using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) and ECFS Express at www.fcc.gov.

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