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**FEDERAL-STATE JOINT BOARD ON UNIVERSAL SERVICE TO HOLD EN BANC
HEARING ON THE PORTABILITY OF HIGH-COST UNIVERSAL SERVICE
SUPPORT AND THE ETC DESIGNATION PROCESS**

CC Docket No. 96-45

Release Date: July 11, 2003

The Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service (the Joint Board) will hold an *en banc* hearing on Thursday, July 31, 2003, in Denver, Colorado. The Joint Board will discuss the Commission's rules relating to the basis of high-cost universal service support in competitive areas, the scope of support, and the eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) designation process.¹ Panelists representing a broad range of interests will discuss their positions and respond to questions from the Joint Board members.

The hearing will be held from 9:00 a.m. – to 3:15 p.m. at the Denver Marriott City Center, 1701 California Street, Denver, Colorado 80202. The agenda for the hearing and a list of panelists are attached. The hearing is open to the public and seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

An audio recording of the hearing will be available to internet users after August 4, 2003 by accessing the FCC Internet Home page at: (<http://www.fcc.gov/realaudio/enbancs.html>). Step-by-step instructions on how to listen to the audio broadcast, as well as information regarding the equipment and software needed, are available on the FCC Audio Broadcast Home page. Audio tapes of the hearing may be purchased from CACI, 341 Victory Drive, Herndon, Virginia 20170, by calling 703-834-1470.

For further information, contact Bill Scher or Elizabeth Yockus, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau at (202) 418-7400, TTY (202) 418-0484.

¹ *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket No. 96-45, Order, FCC 02-307 (rel. Nov. 8, 2002) 17 FCC Rcd 22642 (*Referral Order*). *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service Seeks Comment on Certain of the Commission's Rules Relating to High-Cost Universal Service Support and the ETC Designation Process*, CC Docket No. 96-45, Public Notice, FCC 03J-1 (rel. February 7, 2003).