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HOMELAND SECURITY: NETWORK RELIABILITY AND INTEROPERABILITY COUNCIL TO HOLD MEETING TO REVIEW PROGRESS AND CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE SECURITY OF COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS

The Network Reliability and Interoperability Council ("Council") will be held Monday, September 15, 2003, at 1:00 pm at the Federal Communications Commission, Room TW-C305, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.

The Council will hear updates from the Network Reliability, Interoperability and Broadband Focus Groups and review recommendations from the Physical Security Focus Group.

The Council originally was established by the Federal Communications Commission to bring together leaders of the telecommunications industry and telecommunications experts from academic, consumer and other organizations to explore and recommend measures that will enhance network reliability and security.

Members of the general public may attend the meeting. The Federal Communications Commission will attempt to accommodate as many people as possible. Admittance, however, will be limited to the seating available. The public may submit written comments before the meeting to Jeffery Goldthorp, the Commission's Designated Federal Officer for the Network Reliability and Interoperability Council.

For further information contact Jeffery Goldthorp, 202-418-1096 voice, 202-418-2989 TTY, or <u>Jeffery.Goldthorp@fcc.gov</u>. Real Audio and streaming video access to the meeting will be available through the Commission's website <a href="http://www.fcc.gov">http://www.fcc.gov</a>.