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NETWORK RELIABILITY AND INTEROPERABILITY COUNCIL TO HOLD MEETING

The next meeting of the Network Reliability and Interoperability Council ("Council") will be held Tuesday, March 29, 2005, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Federal Communications Commission, in the Commission Meeting Room at 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.

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.

During the meeting the Council will discuss recommendations and progress reports from four focus groups: (1) Focus Group 1A on requirements for E911 phase 2 accuracy compliance, consistent format for information to PSAPs, consistent thresholds for database queries, and metrics for determining unacceptably high concentration points; (2) Focus Group 1B on methods for extending E911 to satellite communications; (3) Focus Group 1C on information provided to callers when E911 networks fail; (4) Focus Group 2A on status read out on homeland security infrastructure best practices.

Members of the general public may attend to observe the meeting. The Federal Communications Commission will attempt to accommodate as many people as possible. Admittance, however, will be limited to the seating available. Unless so requested by the Council's Chair, there will be no public oral participation, but the public may submit written comments to Jeffery Goldthorp, the Federal Communications Commission's Designated Federal Officer for the Network Reliability and Interoperability Council, before the meeting. Mr. Goldthorp's U.S. Postal Service mail address is Jeffery Goldthorp, Chief, Network Technology Division, Office of Engineering and Technology, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW., Room 7-A325, Washington, DC 20554. Mr. Goldthorp's e-mail address is Jeffery@Goldthorp@fcc.gov.

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For further information contact Jeffery Goldthorp, 202-418-1096 (voice), 202-418-2989 (tty). Real Audio and streaming video access to the meeting will be available at http://www.fcc.gov.