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**NOTICE OF PROCEDURES FOR APPLYING TO MAKE ORAL PRESENTATIONS
AT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION'S INDEPENDENT PANEL REVIEWING
THE IMPACT OF HURRICANE KATRINA ON COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS**

Washington, D.C.: This Public Notice serves as notice that the Federal Communications Commission's Independent Panel Reviewing the Impact of Hurricane Katrina on Communications Networks ("Independent Panel" or "Panel") plans to hear oral presentations from interested parties at its next meeting. The specific date, time and location of the Independent Panel's next meeting will be announced in a future Public Notice. Members of the general public may attend the meeting.

Consistent with the Panel's mission, the focus of the presentations should be: (1) the impact of Hurricane Katrina on telecommunications and media infrastructure and public safety communications; (2) the sufficiency and effectiveness of the recovery effort with respect to this infrastructure; and (3) ways to improve disaster preparedness, network reliability and communications among first responders such as police, fire fighters, and emergency medical personnel. The Panel seeks to hear a variety of viewpoints on these issues. To ensure that the Panel receives as many presentations as possible, presenters will be allotted 5-10 minutes each. To the extent there is an issue of particular interest to the Panel, it may solicit persons with expertise on the issue to provide presentations.

Interested persons who wish to provide oral presentations at the Independent Panel's next meeting should submit a request, in writing, to Lisa Fowlkes, Designated Federal Officer of the Panel by email at: lisa.fowlkes@fcc.gov. Requests should include: (1) the name of the person who would give the oral presentation and the name of the company or organization the person is representing, if any; (2) a description of the nature of the presentation; and (3) if available, a bio of the presenter. Requests must be received by the Designated Federal Officer no later than **February 17, 2006**. Persons selected to make presentations will be notified as soon as possible and provided additional information about the presentations.

Interested persons may also submit written statements to the Panel at any time. Written submissions should be sent to the Designated Federal Officer by email at lisa.fowlkes@fcc.gov or by U.S. Mail to: Lisa M. Fowlkes, Hurricane Katrina Independent Panel, Federal Communications Commission, Room 7-C737, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554.

Further information regarding the Independent Panel, including publicly available documents, may be found on the Panel's website at www.fcc.gov/eb/hkip. In addition, publicly available documents related

to the Panel are available for inspection and copying at the FCC's Public Reference Information Center, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-A257, Washington, D.C.

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