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## **FCC'S INDEPENDENT PANEL REVIEWING THE IMPACT OF HURRICANE KATRINA ON COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS ANNOUNCES NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2006 AT FCC HEADQUARTERS**

Washington, D.C.: This Public Notice serves as notice that, consistent with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended, the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Independent Panel Reviewing the Impact of Hurricane Katrina on Communications Networks ("Independent Panel" or "Panel") will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, April 18, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Meeting Room, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Room TW-C305, Washington, DC.

The Panel will hear presentations from its three informal working groups (IWG-1 Infrastructure Resiliency, IWG-2 Recovery Coordination and Procedures and IWG-3 Emergency Communications) regarding their work to date. The informal working groups' presentations will form the framework for discussion of the specific issues, findings and recommendations to be addressed in the Panel's report to the FCC which must be submitted by June 15, 2006. The report will address the impact of Hurricane Katrina on communications infrastructure, including public safety communications, and recommendations for improving disaster preparedness, network reliability and communications among first responders. The Panel may take action on any of the issues raised during the meeting. The Panel may also hear presentations and/or demonstrations from invited representatives of government agencies and/or other entities that address emergency response and disaster preparedness issues.

Members of the general public may attend the meeting. The FCC will attempt to accommodate as many people as possible. Admittance, however, will be limited to the seating availability. Real Audio access to the meeting will be available at [www.fcc.gov](http://www.fcc.gov). Open captioning will be provided for this event. Other reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. To request accommodations, send an e-mail to [fcc504@fcc.gov](mailto:fcc504@fcc.gov) or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (TTY). Include a description of the accommodation you will need with as much detail as possible. Also include a way we can contact you if we need more information. Please allow at least five days advance notice; last minute requests will be accepted, but may be impossible to fill.

The public may submit written comments before the meeting to: Lisa M. Fowlkes, the Commission's Designated Federal Officer for the Independent Panel, at [lisa.fowlkes@fcc.gov](mailto:lisa.fowlkes@fcc.gov) or by U.S. Postal Mail (Lisa M. Fowlkes, Designated Federal Officer, Hurricane Katrina

Independent Panel, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Room 7-C737, 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](http://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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