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FCC'S INDEPENDENT PANEL REVIEWING THE IMPACT OF HURRICANE KATRINA ON COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS ANNOUNCES NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MAY 12, 2006 AT FCC HEADQUARTERS

Washington, D.C.: By this Public Notice the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"), consistent with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended, announces that the FCC's Independent Panel Reviewing the Impact of Hurricane Katrina on Communications Networks ("Independent Panel" or "Panel") will hold its next meeting on May 12, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. in the FCC's Commission Meeting Room which is located at 445 12th Street, SW, Room TW-C305, Washington, DC.

The Panel will discuss proposed issues, findings and recommendations to be included in its Final Report to the FCC which is due 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.

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. 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 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 FCC's Designated Federal Officer for the Independent Panel, at lisa.fowlkes@fcc.gov or by U.S. Postal Mail (Lisa M. Fowlkes, Designated Federal Officer, Hurricane Katrina Independent Panel, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th 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. 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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