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**FEDERAL-STATE JOINT BOARD ON UNIVERSAL SERVICE TO HOLD EN BANC
HEARING ON HIGH-COST UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT IN AREAS SERVED BY
RURAL CARRIERS**

WC Docket No. 05-337

Release Date: February 9, 2007

The Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service (Joint Board) will hold an *en banc* hearing on Tuesday, February 20, 2007, in Washington, DC. The Joint Board will discuss high cost universal service support in rural areas, including the use of reverse auctions (competitive bidding) and geographic information systems (GIS) to determine support for eligible telecommunications carriers.¹ Panelists representing a broad range of interests will discuss their positions and respond to questions from the Joint Board members. A list of panelists is attached.

The hearing will be held from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Renaissance Washington Hotel, 999 9th St, N.W., Washington, DC 20001. The hearing is open to the public and seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

For further information, contact Vickie Robinson, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau at (202) 418-7400, TTY (202) 418-0484, or Jennifer Richardson, Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission at 317-232-2785.

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¹ See *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service Seeks Comment on the Merits of Using Auctions to Determine High-Cost Universal Service Support*, WC Docket No. 00-337, Public Notice, 21 FCC Rcd 9292 (2006).

**PANELISTS FOR PUBLIC EN BANC HEARING
ON HIGH-COST UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT FOR
AREAS SERVED BY RURAL CARRIERS AND RELATED ISSUES
February 20, 2007
Renaissance Washington Hotel, Washington, DC**

**Panel 1: The Use of Reverse Auctions to Determine Levels of
High-Cost Universal Service Support**

Panelists:

- Paul Garnett, CTIA—The Wireless Association
- Dale Lehman, Alaska Pacific University (on behalf of the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association)
- Dennis Weller, Verizon

**Panel 2: The Use of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Mapping Techniques
in Determining High-Cost Universal Service Support**

Panelists:

- Kevin Mickey, Polis Center, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis
- Jim Stegeman, CostQuest Associates
- Brian Staihr, Embarq