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VIDEO PROGRAMMING ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT OF MAY 5, 2011 MEETING

Washington, D.C. – On December 7, 2010, Chairman Julius Genachowski announced the establishment of the Video Programming Accessibility Advisory Committee (VPAAC), an advisory committee required by the Twenty-first Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010 (CVAA). The first meeting of this committee was held on January 13, 2011.

The Commission has set the date for the next VPAAC meeting as Thursday, May 5, 2011. The meeting will be held at the Commission Headquarters, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554, and will take place from 9:00 a.m. to5:00 p.m. The meeting will be will be open to the public and webcast live at http://reboot.fcc.gov/live/.

VPAAC MISSION

The purpose of the VPAAC is to develop recommendations on closed captioning of Internet programming previously captioned on television; the compatibility between video programming delivered using Internet protocol and devices capable of receiving and displaying such programming in order to facilitate access to captioning, video description and emergency information; the provision of video description and accessible emergency information on television programming; accessible user interfaces on video programming devices; and accessible programming guides and menus.

Open captioning and sign language interpreters will be provided. Other reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. Please include a description of the accommodation you will need and tell us how to contact you if we need more information. Make your request as early as possible. Last minute requests will be accepted, but may be impossible to fill. Send an e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (TTY).

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