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CONSUMER ADVISORY COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT OF DATE OF NEXT MEETING

By this Public Notice, the Federal Communications Commission (“Commission”) announces the meeting date, time, and agenda of the next meeting of its Consumer Advisory Committee (“Committee”).

MEETING DATE, TIME & AGENDA

The next meeting of the Committee will take place on Friday, February 24, 2012, from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. at the Commission’s headquarters building, Room TW-C305, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20554.

At its February 24, 2012 meeting, it is expected that the Committee will consider recommendations from its Universal Service Fund Working Group regarding Lifeline Modernization and the Connect to Compete Fund; a recommendation from its Broadband Working group regarding utilization of www.broadband.gov and tracking of implementation of the National Broadband Plan, and a recommendation from its Consumer Empowerment Working Group regarding the www.fcc.gov website. The Committee may also consider the matter of the harmonization of FCC/FTC telemarketing rules. The Committee will also reaffirm recommendations adopted at its November 4, 2011 meeting regarding Lifeline Link-up, funding for public Broadcasting, and the test of the Emergency Alert System. The Committee may also consider other recommendations from its working groups, and may also receive briefings from FCC staff and outside speakers on matters of interest to the Committee. A limited amount of time will be available on the agenda for comments from the public. Alternatively, members of the public may send written comments to: Scott Marshall, Designated Federal Officer of the Committee at the address provided below.

PURPOSE AND FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

The Commission first established the Committee in November 2000 for the purpose of making recommendations regarding consumer issues within the jurisdiction of the Commission and to facilitate the participation of consumers, including people with disabilities and underserved populations, such as Native Americans and persons living in rural areas, in proceedings before the Commission.

The Committee is organized under, and operates in accordance with, the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2 (1988). Each meeting of the Committee is open to the public. A notice of each meeting will be published in the Federal Register at least fifteen (15) days prior to each meeting. Records will be maintained of each meeting and made available for public inspection.

The meeting is open to the public and the site is fully accessible to people using wheelchairs or other mobility aids. Sign language interpreters, open captioning, assistive listening devices, and Braille copies of the agenda and handouts will be provided on site. Meetings of the Committee are also broadcast live with open captioning over the Internet from the FCC Live web page at www.fcc.gov/live/.

Simultaneous with the webcast, the meeting will be available through Accessible Event, a service that works with a web browser to make presentations accessible to people with disabilities. Persons wishing to attend through Accessible Event can listen to the audio and use a screen reader to read displayed documents, and can watch the video with open captioning. The website to access Accessible Event is <http://accessibleevent.com>. The web page prompts for an Event Code which is: 005202376. To learn about the features of Accessible Event, consult its User's Guide at: http://accessibleevent.com/doc/user_guide/.

Other reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. The request should include a detailed description of the accommodation needed and contact information. Please provide as much advance notice as possible; last minute requests will be accepted, but may not be possible to fill. To request an accommodation, send an email to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (TTY).

For further information about the Committee, contact: Scott Marshall, Designated Federal Officer, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, Room 3A633, 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, DC 20554; phone: 202-418-2809 (voice or TTY); email: scott.marshall@fcc.gov.

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