



# PUBLIC NOTICE

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## **FCC PROVIDES ADDITIONAL DETAILS REGARDING THE FIRST POST-SUPERSTORM SANDY FIELD HEARING, SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 5, 2013**

In the wake of Superstorm Sandy, Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Chairman Julius Genachowski announced plans to convene a series of field hearings to examine challenges to the nation's communications networks during natural disasters and in other times of crisis.

On January 8, 2013, the Commission announced that the first hearing would be held in New York and New Jersey on February 5, 2013.<sup>1</sup> By this Public Notice, we provide additional details about this event.

### **MORNING SESSION**

**Location:** Alexander Hamilton U.S. Customs House, 1 Bowling Green, Manhattan  
New York, NY 10004

**9:00 AM** Welcome and Opening Remarks

**10:00 AM** *Panel #1: Public and Private Responses to Superstorm Sandy*  
**Moderator:** David Turetsky, Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security  
Bureau, FCC

#### Panelists

- Sean Kielty, Region II Emergency Communications Coordinator, Federal Emergency Management Agency
- Rahul Merchant, Chief Information and Innovation Officer and Commissioner, Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications, New York City
- Cliff Abbio, Crown Castle U.S.A.
- Jack Schnirman, City Manager, City of Long Beach, New York
- Michael Corso, Managing Director, New York State Public Service Commission

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<sup>1</sup> See FCC Announces Date and Locations for the First Post-Superstorm Sandy Field Hearing, *Public Notice*, DA 13-19 (PSHSB rel. Jan. 8, 2013).

11:00 AM     *Panel #2: Assessing Network Resiliency – Lessons Learned From Sandy*  
Moderator: Sean Lev, General Counsel, FCC

Panelists

- Jim Gerace, Vice President State Government Affairs – New York, Verizon
- Ed Comer, General Counsel, Edison Electric Institute
- Upendra Chivukula, Assemblyman, New Jersey State Legislature
- Brian Allen, Corporate Group Vice President and Chief Security Officer, Time Warner Cable
- Tony Bardo, Vice President, Hughes Network Systems (an Echostar corporation)

12:00 PM     Chairman Genachowski concludes morning session

**AFTERNOON SESSION**

Location:     Stevens Institute of Technology, Babbio Center, River Street, Hoboken,  
NJ 07030

2:00 PM     Welcome and Opening Remarks

3:00 PM     *Panel #3: Communicating During Times of Emergency*  
Moderator: David Turetsky

Panelists

- Chuck Bell, Consumers Union
- Dave Davis, President and GM, WABC-TV
- John Hogan, CEO, Clear Channel
- Emily Rahimi, Manager of Social Media, New York Fire Department
- Nigel Snoad, Product Manager, Google Crisis Response

4:00 PM     *Panel #4: “Outside the box” – New Ideas to Improve Communications Services*  
Moderator: Sean Lev

Panelists

- Brian Fontes, CEO, National Emergency Number Association

- David Dodd, Chief Information Officer, Stevens Institute of Technology
- Professor Shiv Panwar, Polytechnic Institute of New York University
- Bill Smith, President of Network Operations, AT&T
- Paul Rotella, New Jersey Association of Broadcasters

5:00 PM      Chairman Genachowski concludes afternoon session.

The FCC will attempt to accommodate as many attendees as possible; however, admittance will be limited to seating availability. The Commission will provide audio and/or video coverage of the meeting over the Internet from the FCC's Web page at <http://www.fcc.gov/live>. Open captioning will be provided for this event, and a written transcript of the event will be posted in PS Docket 11-60. Other reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. Requests for such accommodations should be submitted via e-mail to [fcc504@fcc.gov](mailto:fcc504@fcc.gov) or by calling the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530 (voice), (202) 418-0432 (tty). Such requests should include a detailed description of the accommodation needed. In addition, please include a way the FCC can contact you if it needs more information. Please submit any such requests for accommodations as soon as possible; last-minute requests will be accepted, but may be impossible to fill.

We also take this opportunity to remind the public that presentations to decision-making personnel—including those that address network reliability and resiliency in the wake of Superstorm Sandy—that go to the merits or outcome of the Commission's pending permit-but-disclose proceeding in PS Docket 11-60 regarding network reliability and resiliency, *see Reliability and Continuity of Communications Networks, Including Broadband Technologies*, Notice of Inquiry, 26 FCC Rcd 5614 (2011), must comply with the Commission's *ex parte* rules, *see, e.g.*, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1200 *et seq.* Interested parties are also invited to submit written comments in this public docket.

For additional information about the meeting, please contact Gene Fullano, Associate Bureau Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, at (202) 418-0492 or [genaro.fullano@fcc.gov](mailto:genaro.fullano@fcc.gov).

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