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CONSUMER AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS BUREAU ANNOUNCES TENTATIVE AGENDA AND PANELISTS FOR FEBRUARY 18, 2014 WORKSHOP ON IP-BASED RELAY TECHNOLOGIES

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Washington, D.C. – The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the National Institute on Aging (NIA) will host a workshop on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Commission Meeting Room (TW-C305) located at 445 12th Street SW, Washington, D.C. 20554.

As one of its voluntary experiments meant to ensure that all Americans have access to communication services during this period of technological change, the FCC is developing and funding interagency research on IP-based technologies for people with disabilities. The workshop will gather input on the types of research that are needed to improve the functional equivalency and efficiency of Telecommunication Relay Services during and after the IP transition.

Specifically, the panel discussions will focus on developing a platform for the delivery of IP based relay services to consumers and exploring innovative IP-based technologies for relay services during and after the transition.

The event is free and open to the public. The workshop will be streamed live at http://www.fcc.gov/live. Questions may be submitted via email to livequestions@fcc.gov.

The tentative agenda is as follows.

IP-Based Relay Technology Workshop – February 18, 2014

9:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Henning Schulzrinne, Chief Technologist, FCC

Mignon Clyburn, Commissioner, FCC

Dr. Marie A. Bernard, Deputy Director, National Institute on Aging

9:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. **Panel 1: Enhancing the Consumer Experience through the Development of a Platform for New and Improved IP-based Relay Services**

Moderator:

Jonathan Chambers, Chief, Office of Strategic Planning and Policy Analysis, FCC

Panelists:

Karen J. Cruickshanks, Professor, Departments of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences and Population Health Sciences, Institute of Aging, University of Wisconsin

Lise Hamlin, Director of Public Policy, Hearing Loss Association of America

Matt Huenerfauth, Director of the Linguistic and Assistive Technologies Laboratory (LATLab) and Associate Professor, Department of Computer Science, City University Of New York (CUNY)

Andrew Phillips, Policy Counsel, National Association of the Deaf

Christian Vogler, Director, Technology Access Program, Gallaudet University; Co-Principal Investigator on the Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center on Telecommunications Access

11:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. **BREAK**

11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. **Panel 2: Technologies for Relay Services During and After the IP Transition**

Moderator:

Henning Schulzrinne, Chief Technologist, FCC

Panelists:

Kevin Colwell, Vice President of Engineering, Ultratec, Inc.

Sandra Gordon-Salant, Professor and Director of the Doctoral Program in Clinical Audiology in the Department of Hearing and Speech Sciences, University of Maryland

Uwe Jost, Director, Voice to Text Research, Nuance Communications

Dimitris Metaxas, Distinguished Professor (Professor II) of Computer Science, Director: CBIM Center (Computational Biomedicine, Imaging, and Modeling Center), Rutgers University

Gregg Vanderheiden, Director of the Trace R&D Center, Professor, Industrial & Systems Engineering and Biomedical Engineering Departments, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

12:30 p.m. **Workshop Concludes**

The meeting site is fully accessible to people using wheelchairs or other mobility aids. Sign language interpreters, open captioning, and assistive listening devices will be provided on site. Other reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. 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 email 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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