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CONSUMER ADVISORY COMMITTEE – ANNOUNCEMENT OF APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS, DESIGNATION OF CHAIRPERSON, AGENDA, DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

By this Public Notice, the Federal Communications Commission (“Commission”) announces the appointment of members to its Consumer Advisory Committee (“Committee”), designates a Chairperson for that Committee, and further announces the meeting date, time, and agenda of the Committee’s first meeting under its renewed charter.

MISSION AND FUNCTIONS

The mission of the Committee is to make recommendations to the Commission regarding consumer issues within the jurisdiction of the Commission and to facilitate the participation of consumers (including underserved populations, such as Native Americans, persons living in rural areas, older persons, people with disabilities, and persons for whom English is not their primary language) in proceedings before the Commission. The Committee may consider issues including, but not limited to, the following topics:

- Consumer protection and education;
- Implementation of Commission rules and consumer participation in the FCC rulemaking process; and,
- The impact of new and emerging communication technologies (including availability and affordability of broadband service and Universal Service programs).

The duties of the Committee will include providing guidance to the Commission, to gather data and information, and to perform those analyses that are necessary to respond to the questions or matters before it.

BACKGROUND

By a Public Notice released December 10, 2014, the Commission announced the renewal of the Committee for an eighth two year term, and solicited applications for membership thereon with applications due January 20, 2015.

On March 12, 2015, the Commission released a Report and Order on Remand, Declaratory Ruling, and Order in the Matter of Protecting and Promoting the Open Internet (FCC 15-24, GN Docket No. 14-28).

The Commission's Open Internet Order directed the CAC to “formulate and submit to the Commission a proposed Open Internet enhanced transparency rule disclosure format, based on input from a broad range of stakeholders, within six months of the time that its new membership is reconstituted, but, in any event, no later than October 31, 2015.”¹ To assist the Committee in responding to this charge and in furtherance of the Committee’s other responsibilities, the Commission, by Public Notice, dated and released March 17, 2015 announced a second solicitation of applications for membership on the Committee with applications due April 1, 2015.

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

During the Committee’s eighth term, it is anticipated that the Committee will meet in Washington, DC for a minimum of two (2) one-day plenary meetings per year. In addition, as needed, working groups or subcommittees will be established to facilitate the Committee’s work between meetings of the full Committee. Meetings will be fully accessible to individuals with disabilities.

Members must be willing to commit to a two (2) year term of service, and should be willing and able to attend a minimum of two (2) one-day plenary committee meetings per year in Washington, DC. Committee members are also expected to participate in deliberations of at least one (1) working group or subcommittee.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS AND CHAIRPERSON

The Committee will have thirty-seven (37) members. Of these, twenty-one (21) represent general consumer organizations/academia, two (2) represent disability organizations, eight (8) represent industry, four (4) represent regulators, one (1) represents seniors, and one (1) represents unions. The Committee’s membership is designed to be representative of the Commission’s many constituencies, and the diversity of the selected members will provide a balanced point of view as required by the Federal Advisory Committee Act. In addition, Chairman Wheeler reappoints Debra R. Berlyn representing the National Consumers League as Chairperson of the Committee. All appointments and reappointments are effective immediately and shall terminate October 21, 2016, or when the Committee is terminated, whichever is earlier.

The Committee’s roster by organization name and primary representative is as follows:

- (1) AARP - Christopher Baker
- (2) American Consumer Institute - Stephen Pociask
- (3) American Foundation for the Blind - Paul W. Schroeder
- (4) American Indian Policy Institute, Arizona State University - Dr. Traci Morris
- (5) Americans for Tax Reform - Katie McAuliffe
- (6) Appalachian Regional Commission - Mark Defalco
- (7) Benton Foundation - Amina Fazlullah
- (8) California Western School of Law, New Media Rights - Art Neill
- (9) Call For Action - Shirley Rooker
- (10) Center for Democracy and Technology - Chris Calabrese

¹ *In the Matter of Protecting and Promoting the Open Internet, Report and Order on Remand, Declaratory Ruling, and Order*, GN Docket No. 14-28, 2015 WL 1120110 at para. 180 (2015).

- (11) Center for Media Justice/MAGNET - Hannah Sassaman
- (12) CenturyLink - Melissa Newman
- (13) Common Cause - Todd O'Boyle
- (14) Communication Workers of America - Debbie Goldman
- (15) Consumer Action - Ken McEldowney
- (16) Consumer Electronics Association - Julie Kearney
- (17) Consumer Federation of America - Irene E. Leech
- (18) Deaf and Hard of Hearing Consumer Advocacy Network - Claude Stout
- (19) Digital Policy Institute, Ball State University - Barry D. Umansky
- (20) Free Press - Lauren Wilson
- (21) Google, Inc. - Eve Anderson
- (22) International Center for Law and Economics - Geoffrey A. Manne
- (23) Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Cable - Joslyn Day
- (24) National Association of Broadcasters - Ann West Bobeck
- (25) National Association of Counties - Yejin Jang
- (26) National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates - Kenneth Mallory
- (27) National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Administrators - Mitsuko R. Herrera
- (28) National Cable and Telecommunications Association - Stephanie Podey
- (29) National Consumer Law Center - Olivia Wein
- (30) National Consumers League - Debra R. Berlyn (Chairperson)
- (31) National Hispanic Media Coalition - Michael Scurato
- (32) New America Foundation, Open Technology Institute - Laura Moy
- (33) Program on Information Justice and Intellectual Property, Washington College of Law, American University – Victoria F. Phillips
- (34) T-Mobile – Luisa L. Lancetti
- (35) TRAIL - Christina Gagnier
- (36) Verizon Communications, Inc.- Ann Berkowitz
- (37) Wireless Internet Service Provider Association - Alex Phillips

MEETING DATE, TIME & AGENDA

The first meeting of the Committee under its renewed charter will take place on June 12, 2015, from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. at the Commission's headquarters building, Commission Meeting Room TW-C305, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554.

At its June 12, 2015 meeting, the Committee will consider administrative and procedural matters relating to its functions and will also discuss development of a proposed Open Internet enhanced transparency rule disclosure format, as directed in the Commission's Open Internet Order referenced above. The Committee may receive briefings from commission staff and/or outside speakers on issues of interest to the Committee. A limited amount of time will be available on the agenda for comments from the public. If time permits, the public may ask questions of presenters via the email address livequestions@fcc.gov or via Twitter using the hashtag #fcclive. In addition, the public may also follow the meeting on Twitter @fcc or via the Commission's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/fcc. Alternatively, members of the public may send written comments to: Scott Marshall, Designated Federal Officer of the Committee at the address provided below. Alternatively, members of the public may send written comments to: Scott Marshall, Designated Federal Officer of the Committee at the address provided below.

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 committee roster 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/. 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 and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, Room 3-A633, 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554; phone: 202-418-2809 (voice or Relay); email: scott.marshall@fcc.gov.

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