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DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT OF DATE, TIME AND AGENDA OF NEXT MEETING

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

MEETING DATE, TIME AND AGENDA

The next meeting of the Committee will take place on Monday, October 16, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to approximately 3:30 p.m. Eastern Time, at the FCC’s headquarters, Room TW-C305 (Commission Meeting Room), 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20554. The meeting will be open to the public and webcast with open captioning at www.fcc.gov/live. Notice of this meeting will be published in the *Federal Register*.

PURPOSE AND FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee was established in December 2014 to make recommendations to the Commission on a wide array of disability matters within the jurisdiction of the Commission, and to facilitate the participation of people with disabilities in proceedings before the Commission. The Committee is organized under, and operated in accordance with, the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA).¹ The Committee held its first meeting on March 17, 2015, and its most recent meeting on June 16, 2017.

As authorized by FACA, the Committee has established subcommittees, and the Commission has invited additional individuals and organizations who are not members of the full Committee to participate on these subcommittees. Subcommittees have been established to consider the following four issues:

- Emergency Communications;
- Relay/Equipment Distribution;
- Technology Transitions; and
- Video Programming

At its October 16, 2017 meeting, the Committee is expected to receive and consider reports and recommendations from its subcommittees, which may include:

¹ 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

- A report and recommendation from its Emergency Communications Subcommittee regarding how to accelerate the integration of real time text by public safety answering points.
- A report and recommendation from its Technology Transitions Subcommittee regarding the technical and practical challenges of supporting compatibility of real-time text with refreshable Braille displays and similar assistive technologies;
- A report and recommendation from its Relay & Equipment Distribution Subcommittee regarding IP CTS quality metrics; and
- A report on the activities of its Video Programming Subcommittee.

The Committee is also expected to receive presentations from Commission staff on matters of interest to the Committee. In addition, a reserved amount of time will be available on the agenda for comments and inquiries from the public. The public may comment or ask questions of presenters via email: livequestions@fcc.gov. These comments or questions may be addressed during the public comment period.

ACCESSIBILITY AND ACCOMMODATIONS

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. If making a request for an accommodation, 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 by sending an e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov or calling the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (TTY). Last minute requests will be accepted, but may be impossible to fill. The meeting will be webcast with open captioning at www.fcc.gov/live.

ACCESSIBLE FORMATS

To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), please 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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