FCC ANNOUNCES OCTOBER 14, 2020 MEETING OF DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

By this Public Notice, consistent with the Federal Advisory Committee Act,¹ the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) announces the next meeting of the Disability Advisory Committee (DAC or Committee) to be held Wednesday, October 14, 2020, at 1:30 p.m. The DAC meeting will be held remotely, with video and audio coverage at www.fcc.gov/live.

At this meeting, DAC members will discuss (i) a working group report and recommendation on enhanced Electronic Newsroom Technique (ENT) and other technologies for captioning live television programming; (ii) a working group report and recommendation on best practices for creating audio description; and (iii) any other topics relevant to the DAC’s work. The meeting will be led by the DAC co-chairs: Brian Scarpelli, Senior Policy Counsel of ACT | The App Association, and Isidore Niyongabo, President and Director of Advocacy and Public Engagement of National Black Deaf Advocates.

The DAC may also receive briefings from Commission staff on issues of interest to the Committee and may discuss topics of interest to the Committee, including, but not limited to, matters concerning accessible communications, telecommunications relay services, emergency access, and video programming accessibility. This agenda may be modified at the discretion of the DAC Chairs and Designated Federal Officer (DFO).

The DAC meeting will be open to the public and has been moved to a wholly electronic format due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the meeting, members of the public may submit questions and comments to the DAC via email: livequestions@fcc.gov. These comments or questions may be addressed during the public comment period.

Open captioning will be provided for this event. 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 or by calling the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau (CGB) at (202) 418-0530 (voice). Such requests should include a detailed description of the accommodation needed and specify how the FCC should contact the requester if more information is needed to fill the request. Please provide at least five business days’ advance notice of accommodation requests; last-minute requests will be accepted but may not be possible to accommodate.

To obtain further information about the Committee, contact: Will Schell, DFO, (202) 418-0767 or DAC@fcc.gov; or Debra Patkin, Deputy DFO, (202) 870-5226. The DAC website address is: www.fcc.gov/dac.

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¹ 5 U.S.C. App. 2.