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CONSUMER-FRIENDLY VERSION OF FCC'S ELECTRONIC COMMENT FILING SYSTEM LAUNCHED Simplified System Makes It Easier for Consumers to Participate in Commission Public Proceedings

Washington, DC -- The Federal Communications Commission has launched ECFS *Express*, a simplified version of its very popular Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS).

ECFS *Express* is designed specifically with the consumer in mind. It is easy to use, focuses on topics rather than docket numbers, and requires minimal input by consumers seeking to participate in the Commission's public rulemaking process. People wishing to comment simply click on a topic, fill in their personal information, write their comments and hit "send." To access ECFS *Express*, users just click on the "File Comments" logo found on the front page of the FCC's Web site – <u>www.fcc.gov</u>.

ECFS *Express* will highlight the proceedings most likely to generate consumer interest. The topics will change periodically as new issues emerge.

The original version of the Electronic Comment Filing System, which includes **all** docketed Commission proceedings, will still be available.

K. Dane Snowden, the Chief of the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau, which oversees ECFS and ECFS *Express*, said, "ECFS *Express* is 'participation made easy.' By making the process more intuitive and less technical, all those interested in what we are doing at the FCC can have their voices heard. Our goal is to have as much of the public as possible participate in our rulemaking processes and ECFS *Express* goes a long way towards making this happen."

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