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FCC INTERNET POLICY WORKING GROUP TO HOLD FIRST “SOLUTIONS SUMMIT” ON THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2004

Meeting Will Focus on 911/E911 Issues Associated With Internet-based Communications Services

Washington, D.C. – On Thursday, March 18, 2004, the FCC’s Internet Policy Working Group (IPWG) will hold the first in a series of a “Solutions Summits” at which leaders in government and industry can discuss creative ways to address policy issues that arise as communications services move to Internet-based platforms. The initial meeting will focus on 911/E911 issues, and on the particular challenges and opportunities created for emergency services in expanding 911/E911 access to VoIP users and increasing the use of IP technologies in emergency services networks. Participants will include members of the public safety community, industry representatives, and FCC staff.

The event, which is open to the public, will be held at FCC headquarters, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, D.C. starting at 2:00 pm and ending at 5:00 pm. Further details regarding this event will be announced in the near future. The IPWG will also be announcing details of Solutions Summits to be held on other topics, such as CALEA and access for persons with disabilities.

Background on FCC Internet Policy Working Group:

The FCC Internet Policy Working Group was created by Chairman Michael K. Powell to assist the Commission in identifying, evaluating and addressing policy issues that will arise as telecommunications services move to Internet-based platforms. The cross-bureau and multi-disciplinary working group is directed by a steering committee comprised of senior management and staff from several Commission Bureaus and Offices, and is staffed as needed by attorneys, engineers and economists from across the Commission. This Working Group also interacts with key constituencies including state regulators, consumer groups and public safety organizations.

For additional information on the Working Group, please visit the Internet Policy Working Group website at: www.fcc.gov/ipwg. For questions about the working group contact: Robert Pepper, Chief of Policy Development, at (202) 418-2030, Robert.Pepper@fcc.gov, or Jeff Carlisle, Senior Deputy Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, at (202) 418-1500, Jeffrey.Carlisle@fcc.gov.

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