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CONSUMER ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO MEET FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2005

Washington, DC – The Consumer Advisory Committee (CAC) will hold its next meeting on Friday, November 18, 2005, from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. at the Commission's Headquarters Building, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-C305, Washington, DC 20554. The meeting is open to the public.

The agenda includes:

- Panel discussion on Perspectives on Telecommunications Competition and Consumers
- Panel discussion on Media Ownership and Consumer Interest
- Recommendation Concerning Consumer Interest Obligations of Digital Television Broadcasters
- Recommendation Regarding Access to VRS Networks
- Public Participation via New Information and Communication Technologies at the FCC
- Demonstration of Captioning and DTV

The Tentative Agenda for the meeting is attached.

The CAC is chaired by Shirley Rooker, President of Call For Action, and is composed of 54 members representing many of the FCC's constituencies. The expertise and diversity of the members provide a balanced point of view as required by the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

The Committee is organized under, and operates in accordance with, the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C., App. 2 (1988). Minutes of meetings are available for public inspection at the FCC and are posted on the Commission's website at www.fcc.gov/cgb/cac. Meetings are broadcast on the Internet in Real Audio/Real Video format with captioning at www.fcc.gov/cgb/cac.

Members of the public may address the Committee or may send written comments to Scott Marshall, Designated Federal Officer of the Committee, at scott.marshall@fcc.gov.

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CONSUMER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Federal Communications Commission

445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-C305, Washington, DC

Friday, November 18, 2005

8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

A G E N D A

Morning Session

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| 8:30 - 9:00 a.m. | Continental Breakfast, Networking and Conversation |
| 9:00 - 9:05 a.m. | Welcome and Call to Order
Shirley L. Rooker, Chair, Consumer Advisory Committee (CAC) |
| 9:05 - 9:10 a.m. | Meeting Logistics
Scott Marshall, CAC Designated Federal Officer, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau (CGB) |
| 9:10 - 9:30 a.m. | Introduction of the Chairman and Commissioners, (Chairman and Commissioners invited -- schedules permitting)
Monica Desai, Chief, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau (CGB) |
| 9:30 - 9:45 a.m. | CGB Update, Monica Desai, Chief, CGB |
| 9:45 - 10:00 a.m. | Break |
| 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. | Perspectives on Telecommunications Competition and Consumers
Panel Discussion: Debra Berlyn, Chair Competition Policy WG |
| 11:00 - 12:00 p.m. | Media Ownership and Consumer Interest
Panel Discussion: Denis Moynihan, Chair,
Media WG, (speakers Juan Gonzalez; David Honig, Executive Director Minority Media and Telecommunications Council;
Anthony Riddle, Alliance for Community Media; Hannah Sassaman, Program Director, Prometheus Radio Project) |
| 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. | Lunch and Networking |

Afternoon Session

- 1:00 - 1:45 p.m.** **Recommendation Concerning Consumer Interest Obligations of Digital Television Broadcasters**
Charles Benton, Member, Media WG
Presenter: James Goodmon,
Capitol Broadcasting Company, Member President's Advisory Committee
on the Public Interest Obligations of Digital Television Broadcasters
- 1:45 - 2:30 p.m.** **Recommendation Regarding Access to VRS Networks**
Dixie Ziegler, Chair, TRS WG
- 2:30 - 2:45 p.m.** **Break**
- 2:45 – 3:15 p.m.** **Public participation via New Information and Communication Technologies at the FCC**
Speaker: Joanne Holman, Associate Professor,
School of Media Arts & Design, James Madison University
- 3:15 – 3:45 p.m.** **Captioning and DTV Demonstration**
Introduction: Julie Kearney, CAC Member
Presenters: Brian Markwalter, Vice President Technology and Standards,
Consumer Electronics Association; Paul Thomsen, Director,
Design/Technology & Standards, Hitachi Home Electronics (America),
Inc.; Robert N. Blanchard, Standards Coordinator, Sony Electronics
Television Operations of the Americas, Advanced Technology and
Planning Division.
- 3:45 – 4:00 p.m.** **Wrap up, Comments from the Public, and Future Meetings**
- 4:00 p.m.** **Adjournment**