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FCC Announces Localism Hearing in Portland, Maine on June 28

Washington, DC – The Federal Communications Commission today announced it will hold a localism hearing in the afternoon and evening in Portland, Maine, on Thursday, June 28, 2007.

The purpose of the hearing is to gather information from consumers, industry, civic organizations, and others on broadcasters' service to their local communities. Along with competition and diversity, promoting localism is a key goal of the Commission's media ownership rules.

The hearing format will enable members of the public to participate via an "open microphone" session. Further details will be released as they become available. We will release the specific times and hearing venue by Tuesday, June 12, 2007.

Open captioning and sign language interpreters will be provided for this event. Other reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. Please include a description of the accommodation you will need and as much detail as possible. Also, please include your contact information. Make your request as early as possible. Last minute requests will be accepted, but may not be possible to fill. Send an e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (TTY).

A live audio cast of the hearing will be available at the FCC's website at www.fcc.gov on a first-come, first-served basis. In addition, the hearing will be recorded, and the recording will be made available to the public. The public may also file comments or other documents with the Commission and should reference MB 04-233. Filing instructions are provided at <http://www.fcc.gov/localism/filinginstructions.doc>.

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