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Commission Meeting Agenda

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FCC Announces Agenda for Public Hearing On Localism in Portland, Maine

The Federal Communications Commission today announced further details of its previously announced Portland, Maine field hearing regarding localism (*see announcements dated June 8, 2007 and June 12, 2007*).

As previously announced, the hearing date, time, and location are as follows:

Date: Thursday, June 28, 2007
Time: 4:00 p.m. -11:00 p.m.
Location: Portland High School
284 Cumberland Avenue
Portland, ME 04101

Link to Portland High School:

<http://portland.portlandschools.org>

Link to Portland High School Directions:

<http://portland.portlandschools.org/main/homeroom.htm>

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.

*The summaries listed in this notice are intended for the use of the public attending open Commission meetings. Information not summarized may also be considered at such meetings. Consequently these summaries should not be interpreted to limit the Commission's authority to consider any relevant information.

Agenda and list of witnesses follows:

(All Times EST)

4:00 p.m. Welcome/Opening Remarks

4:30 p.m. Panel Discussion 1: Perspectives on Localism

C. Edwin Baker, Professor, University of Pennsylvania Law School

John Christie, President, Central Maine Newspapers

James Costello Jr., Vice President of Operations, Sun Media Group (Sun Journal)

Richard D. Gleason, President and General Manager, Mountain Valley Broadcasting, Inc.

Ben Haskell, Executive Vice President and Academic Dean, New England School of Communications, Bangor, Maine

Katharine Heintz, Ph.D., Consultant, Children Now

Malcolm Leary, Reporter, Maine Capital News

Alex von Lichtenberg, General Manager, Entravision Communications, WUNI-TV

Chellie Pingree, Former President of Common Cause

Dennis Ross, Owner/Manager, WJZP Community Radio Station

Shelby Scott, Former President, The American Federation of Television and Radio Artists, Former Boston TV News Anchor

Steve Thaxton, President and General Manager, WCSH-TV, Portland, ME

5:30 p.m. Public Comments

7:30 p.m. Break

8:00 p.m. Panel Discussion 2: Perspectives on Localism

Spencer Albee, Portland-area Musician and Promoter

Rob Blethen, Advertising Director, Portland Press Herald

Suzanne Goucher, President and CEO, Maine Association of Broadcasters

Cary Pahigian, President and General Manager, Portland Radio Group/Saga Communications

Reverend Peter Panagore, First Radio Church of Maine

Daniel Panici, Professor, University of Southern Maine

Cynthia Phinney, Business Manager, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 1837

James B. Shaffer, Dean & Professor of Business, University of Southern Maine School of Business

Tim Stone, Trustee, WSCA- LP, Portsmouth, New Hampshire Community Radio Station

Anthony Vigue, Manager, South Portland Community Television

Gordon Wark, President and General Manager, NEPSK Inc., WAGM-TV8, Presque Isle, ME

9:00 p.m. Public Comments

11:00 p.m. Wrap-Up/Adjournment

The moderator will be Clyde Ensslin, Office of Media Relations, FCC.

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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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