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INTERGOVERNMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS NAMED

Washington, DC -- The Commission has named members to its Intergovernmental Advisory Committee (IAC).

The Commission announced the re-charter of the IAC in a Public Notice issued on June 8, 2007, in which it said that it would announce the members of the IAC at a later date (*see* DA 07-2427). Under its charter, IAC membership is comprised of 15 representatives from local, state and tribal governments, and advises the Commission on a range of telecommunications issues for which their governments explicitly or inherently share responsibility or administration with the Commission.

The members of the IAC named by the Commission are as follows:

Municipality Representatives (4)

Michael J. McGlynn, Mayor, City of Medford, MA

James Bertram, Mayor, City of Lockhart, Texas

Gary Resnick, City Commissioner, Wilton Manors, Florida

Tom Simplot, Councilmember, City of Phoenix, Arizona

County Representatives (2)

Timothy Loewenstein, Supervisor, Buffalo County Board of Supervisors, Nebraska

Richard A. Mirgon, Director of Communications and Emergency Management,
Douglas County, Nevada

City Attorney Representative (1)

Anthony Fox, Town Attorney, Weddington, Marvin, North Carolina

State Executive Representative (1)

Haley Barbour, Governor, Mississippi

State Public Utility Commission Representative (1)

Carlito Caliboso, Chairman, Hawaii Public Utilities Commission

State Legislative Representatives (3)

John Burzichelli, Assemblyman, New Jersey

Pamela J. Althoff, Senator, Illinois

John H. Thomas, Representative, New Hampshire

Tribal Representatives (3)

William M. Micklin, Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, Ewiiapaayp Band of Kumeyaay Indians Tribe; Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska

Jonathan Windy Boy, Tribal Council, Chippewa Cree

Cherie Moomaw, Colville Business Council, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation

A principal focus of the IAC for its current term will be the nation's transition to digital television (DTV) as the Commission continues its efforts to assist consumers in understanding and preparing for the transition which, by law, must be completed by February 17, 2009. Collaboration and coordination with local, state and tribal governments is crucial to the Commission's goal of ensuring that all consumers, especially elderly, low-income, people with disabilities, people living in rural areas and non-English speaking consumers, are aware of the transition and understand what specific steps, if any, they must take to continue watching television after the transition is complete on February 17, 2009. The Commission looks forward to the valuable insights that the IAC will provide about working effectively with its local, state and tribal partners to educate consumers about the DTV transition

The date and agenda for the first meeting, to be held later this year, will be announced in a subsequent public notice.

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