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FCC BUDGET OF \$338.9 MILLION PROPOSED FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009

Washington, DC – The President has submitted a budget to Congress that proposes fiscal year 2009 funding for the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) of \$338.9 million.

The requested FY 2009 funding level would provide funding to conduct an outreach campaign to educate consumers about the impact and benefits of the transition to Digital Television (DTV). In addition, the request would allow the Commission to combat waste, fraud, and abuse, in the Universal Service Fund; replace Mobile Digital Direction Finding (MDDF) vehicles that are used to support public safety entities (*e.g.*, emergency responders, police, fire departments) in the resolution of harmful interference to their communications systems; establish a Public Safety Clearinghouse Program that will significantly expand the Commission's coordination and outreach efforts targeted to the public safety community; consolidate existing licensing systems to improve the Commission's management and processing of licensing transactions; and strengthen management and oversight of the Commission's financial and accounting processes. The request would also provide funds to cover mandatory increases in salaries and benefits and inflationary increases for contractual services.

The complete copy of the Commission's FY 2009 budget submission is available on the FCC's web site at: www.fcc.gov.

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