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FCC RELEASES AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 28, 2008 **DIGITAL TELEVISION CONSUMER EDUCATION WORKSHOP** **FOCUSING ON CONSUMERS WITH DISABILITIES**

Washington, DC -- The Commission has released the agenda for its Digital Television Consumer Education Workshop focusing on consumers with disabilities to be held Thursday, February 28, 2008, at FCC Headquarters, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC, in the Commission Meeting Room. It will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at approximately 12:00 p.m.

The purpose of the workshop is to discuss the challenges associated with ensuring that consumers with disabilities receive accurate and timely information regarding the digital television transition. The Workshop discussion will also explore ways to develop coordinated consumer education activities. As with past DTV Consumer Education Workshops, the program will include demonstrations of digital-to-analog converter boxes by CEA and some of its member companies. An agenda for the Workshop is attached.

A live, open-captioned webcast of the hearing will be available at the FCC's website at <http://www.fcc.gov/realaudio/#feb28> on a first-come, first-served basis. The webcast will remain available after the Workshop in the FCC's website archives. During the Workshop, the public can e-mail questions for the panelists to dtvworkshop@fcc.gov.

Sign language interpreters, open captioning, and assistive listening devices will be provided on site. Please request other reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities as early as possible and include a description of the accommodation(s) you will need. Also include a way we can contact you if we need more information. Last minute requests will be accepted, but may be impossible 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).

For more information about the Workshop, please contact Pam Slipakoff at (202) 418-7705, pam.slipakoff@fcc.gov, or Lauren Patrich at (202) 418-7944, lauren.patrich@fcc.gov.

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**AGENDA FOR
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
DIGITAL TELEVISION WORKSHOP
FOCUSING ON CONSUMERS WITH DISABILITIES**

**FCC Headquarters
445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554
Commission Meeting Room**

February 28, 2008

**8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Pre-Program Demonstration of Digital-to-Analog
Converter Boxes**

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. Welcome
*FCC Commissioner Michael J. Capps
FCC Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein*

**9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. How to Reach and Provide Support to People with
Disabilities on the DTV Transition**

*Moderator: Catherine W. Seidel, Chief, FCC Consumer and
Governmental Affairs Bureau*

Roundtable Participants:

*Eric Bridges – Director of Advocacy and Government,
American Council of the Blind*

*Jennifer Davis, National Manager of Grant Projects, Goodwill
Industries International*

*Jennifer Tuccilio Dexter, Assistant Vice President,
Government Relations – Easter Seals*

*Joan Durocher – Senior Attorney/Advisor, National Council
on Disability*

*Larry Goldberg – Director, National Center for Accessible
Media, and Director of Media Access for WGBH*

*Cinda Hughes, Legislative Associate, National Congress of
American Indians*

*Dave Lenox, Vice President, Sports & Competition, Special
Olympics*

*Claude Stout – Chair, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Consumer
Advocacy Network, and Executive Director,
Telecommunications for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Inc.*

- 10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Break**
- 10:45 a.m. –12:00 p.m. How to Reach and Provide Support to People with Disabilities on the DTV Transition (continuation)**
- 12:00 p.m. – 12:15 p.m. Wrap Up**
- 12:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Demonstrations Continue**