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See MCI v. FCC, 515 F 2d 385 (D.C. Circ 1974).

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## **FCC Announces Further Details of Public Hearing on Early Termination Fees**

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) today announced further details on a public hearing on early termination fees that will be hosted on Thursday, June 12, 2008, 10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., in the Commission Meeting Room (TW-C305).

### **Hearing information:**

**Date:** June 12, 2008  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m. (Eastern)  
**Location:** FCC Headquarters Building  
Room TW-C305  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
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### **Agenda and List of Witnesses:**

**10:00 a.m.** Welcome/Opening Remarks

**10:30 a.m.** Panel Discussion 1 – Early Termination Fees: Consumer and Industry Practices and Perspectives

Anne C. Boyle  
Chair, Nebraska Public Service Commission

Daniel L. Brenner  
Senior Vice President, Law & Regulatory Policy  
National Cable & Telecommunications Association

Thomas W. Hazlett  
Professor of Law & Economics  
George Mason University School of Law

**Larry S. Landis**  
**Commissioner, Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission**

**John F. Murphy**  
**Senior Vice President, Controller, and Chief Accounting Officer**  
**The DIRECTV Group**

**Patrick Pearlman**  
**Deputy Consumer Advocate**  
**West Virginia Public Service Commission, appearing on behalf of the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates (NASUCA)**

**Harold Schroer**  
**Individual Consumer**

**Lee L. Selwyn, Ph.D**  
**President and Founder**  
**Economics and Technology Inc.**

**Thomas J. Tauke**  
**Executive Vice President – Public Affairs, Policy and Communications**  
**Verizon Communications**

**Molly White**  
**Individual Consumer**

**12:00 p.m. – 12:15 p.m.**

**Break**

**12:15 p.m.**

**Panel Discussion 2 – Legal Implications**

**Seamus C. Duffy**  
**Partner, Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP**

**Pamela Gilbert**  
**Partner, Cuneo Gilbert & LaDuca, LLP**  
**Washington, D.C. Counsel, Cellphone Early Termination Fee Cases pending in Superior Court in Alameda County, California**

**Christopher Guttman-McCabe**  
**Vice President, Regulatory Affairs**  
**CTIA**

**Chris Murray**  
**Senior Counsel**  
**Consumers Union**

**Alan R. Plutzik**  
**Attorney, Bransom, Plutzik, Mahler & Birkhaeuser, LLP**  
**Counsel of Record for Wireless Consumers Alliance in FCC**  
**Docket Nos. 05-193 and 05-194**

**Christopher J. Wright**  
**Partner, Harris, Wiltshire & Grannis LLP**

**1:15 p.m. Closing Remarks**

**1:30 p.m. Adjournment**

The Commission will hear from expert panelists regarding the use of early termination fees by communications service providers. The hearing is open to the public and seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

The hearing will be webcast live and also archived for later viewing. Access to the webcast, and additional information concerning the webcast, will be available at <http://www.fcc.gov/realaudio/>. Open captioning will be provided for the webcast.

For a fee this meeting can be viewed live over George Mason University's Capitol Connection. The Capitol Connection also will carry the meeting live via the Internet. To purchase these services call (703) 993-3100 or go to [www.capitolconnection.gmu.edu](http://www.capitolconnection.gmu.edu).

Pursuant to section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, the hearing is part of a permit-but-disclose proceeding in which *ex parte* presentations are subject to disclosure. For that reason, notice of the hearing, a video recording of the hearing, and information on accessing the webcast will be placed in the public record of docket number 05-194.

The public may file comments or other documents with the Commission and should reference docket number 05-194 when filing by paper or submit your filing electronically by going to [http://gullfoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/upload\\_v2.cgi](http://gullfoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/upload_v2.cgi) and enter proceeding number 05-194. Filing instructions are provided at <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/>.

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