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COMMISSIONER McDOWELL TO VISIT ALASKA AS PART OF EXTENSIVE NATIONWIDE INITIATIVE FOR DTV OUTREACH

First Two Visits on Nationwide Tour; Designed to Focus on Markets with High Levels of Over-the-Air Television Viewers

Washington, DC – Today, FCC Commissioner Robert McDowell announced he will visit Anchorage and Fairbanks, Alaska, next week to hold forums on the transition to digital television with key groups. These visits are part of an extensive nationwide initiative the Commission has launched to increase awareness about the upcoming transition to digital television.

WHO: Commissioner Robert McDowell
WHAT: Forum on Transition to Digital Television
WHEN: August 27, 2008
1:00pm
WHERE: Anchorage Senior Center – Sullivan Room
1300 East 19th Avenue
Anchorage, Alaska

WHO: Commissioner Robert McDowell
WHAT: Forum on Transition to Digital Television
WHEN: August 28, 2008
12:00pm
WHERE: Fairbanks Public Library
1215 Cowles Street
Fairbanks, Alaska

The FCC identified target television markets for specific DTV outreach, including all those markets in which more than 100,000 households or at least 15% of the households rely solely on over-the-air signals for television.

Last week, Chairman Kevin Martin announced that the five FCC Commissioners and other Commission staff will fan out to these and other markets to raise awareness and educate consumers in the days leading up to the digital television transition on February 17, 2009.

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