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

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## **FCC TO HOST DIGITAL TELEVISION TRANSITION EVENT IN WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2008**

### **Local Broadcasters to Transition to Digital Monday at 12 Noon**

Washington D.C. – The Federal Communications Commission will host a press conference on the digital television transition and early switch by local broadcasters on Monday, September 8, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. at Thalian Hall, located at 310 Chestnut Street in Wilmington, N.C. The event will mark the digital transition for broadcasters in the five-county Wilmington television market next week. The FCC continues to monitor hurricane forecasts and may decide to postpone the Wilmington transition should the expected weather conditions worsen.

**NOTE: The FCC expects that any decision to postpone would be announced and posted at [www.fcc.gov](http://www.fcc.gov) no later than 2pm on Sunday, September 7.**

**WHO:** FCC Chairman Kevin J. Martin  
FCC Commissioner Michael J. Copps  
NTIA Acting Administrator Meredith Baker  
Wilmington Mayor Bill Saffo  
NAB President and CEO David Rehr  
Vice President & General Manager of WECT (NBC) Gary McNair

**WHEN:** Monday, September 8, 2008  
10:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

**WHERE:** Thalian Hall  
310 Chestnut Street  
Historic Downtown  
Wilmington, North Carolina  
Directions: <http://www.thalianhall.com/map.htm>

**WHY:** The early digital switch in Wilmington will help assist the FCC and the nation to identify any issues that may need to be addressed prior the nationwide digital television transition on February 17, 2009.

\* Hank Price (President of the N.C. Broadcasters Assn.) will serve as Master of Ceremonies.

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