

**CONSUMER/DISABILITY TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CDTAC) MEETING**



**Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Southwest, Room TW-C305, Washington, DC**

**Friday, November 30, 2001  
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**A G E N D A**

**THE STATE OF THE TELECOM ACT OF 1996  
HAS IT BENEFITTED CONSUMERS AND WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?**

*Morning Session*

- 9:00 – 9:05 A.M.** Welcome and Call to Order  
Shirley Rooker, Committee Chair
- 9:05 – 9:30 A.M.** Remarks and Introductions  
K. Dane Snowden, Chief, Consumer Information Bureau  
Chairman Michael Powell [schedule permitting]  
Commissioner Michael Copps [schedule permitting]
- 9:25 – 9:30 A.M.** Committee Business, Shirley Rooker
- 9:30 – 10:45 A.M.** Historical Perspectives on the Telecommunications Act of 1996.
- Panel:** **Historical Perspectives of Some of the Key Players**
- Moderator:** Edie Herman, Associate Managing Editor,  
Communications Daily
- Presenters:** Howard Symons, Esq., Mintz Levin Cohn Ferns (Former  
Counsel to Representative Tim Wirth, Former Chairman of  
the House Subcommittee on Telecommunications)

James Bradley Ramsay, General Counsel, National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners

Gene Kimmelman, Co-Director, Washington Office, Consumers Union

Debra Berlyn, Executive Director, Competition Policy Institute

Lauren J. Belvin, Vice President-Federal Policy and Law, Qwest Communications International

**10:45 – 11:00 A.M.**

Break

**11:00 – Noon**

**Subcommittee Breakout Session I**

The charge to the subcommittees is to continue to work on their statements of priority issues and other subcommittee internal business.

**12:00 – 12:45 P.M.**

Lunch (provided)

**12:10 P.M.**

Remarks - Commissioner Abernathy

*Afternoon Session*

**12:45 – 3:15 P.M.**

Competition in the Local Exchange and Long Distance Markets.

**12:45 – 1:00 P.M.**

Regulatory Framework: The Basics [John Stanley, Assistant Chief, Policy and Planning Division, Common Carrier Bureau]

**1:00 – 2:00 P.M.**

**Panel:**

**Perspectives on Local Exchange and Long Distance Competition**

**Moderator:**

Tom Leithauser, Senior Editor, TRDaily

**Presenters:**

John Conroy, Vice President, Regulatory Matters, Verizon -- Massachusetts

Allan Bausback, Director, Office of Communications,  
New York Public Service Commission

Mark Cooper, Director of Research, Consumer Federation  
of America

John Nakahata, Partner, Harris, Wiltshire and Grannis

Carol Ann Bischoff, Executive Vice President & General  
Counsel, CompTel

**2:00 – 3:15 P.M.**

Committee Dialog With Panelists

**3:15 P.M.**

Break

**3:30 – 4:30 P.M.**

**Subcommittee Breakout II**

The charge to the subcommittees is to assess the impact of  
local competition on their priority issues.

**4:30 – 4:45 P.M.**

Report Back from Subcommittees

**4:45 – 5:00 P.M.**

Comments from the Public

**5:00 P.M.**

Adjournment