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8 DAYS AND COUNTING TO DTV TRANSITION

Free In-home Installation Available for Consumers in Many Markets

Washington, D.C. – The Federal Communications Commission is making free house calls to help consumers struggling with the transition to digital television.

In-home services include set-up of a digital television (DTV) converter box, indoor antenna adjustments, and hooking up analog VCRs to a converter. Among those making house calls in some communities are members of the AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps, along with firefighters through the International Association of Fire Chiefs. Most services will be provided by contractors hired by the FCC, who are prepared to visit around 200,000 homes over the course of the transition if needed.

For help, call 1-888CALL-FCC now: The transition is only eight days away. Or visit www.dtv.gov and enter your zip code or state in the upper right-hand corner of the page to find local events, assistance and information.

On June 12, all full-power television stations in the United States will stop analog broadcast service and transmit only digital signals. Consumers who do not subscribe to pay television services and have older, analog televisions will need to have digital-to-analog converter boxes attached to their televisions in order to continue receiving over-the-air television programming. They may also need to adjust or upgrade their television set-top antennas.

- There are 34 contractors hired temporarily by the FCC around the country capable of providing about 200,000 free in-home converter box installations. In addition to those, many local firefighters and AmeriCorps volunteers are providing free in-home assistance with converter box installations.
- Well over 500 walk-in centers and clinics are open nation-wide with technical staff in place to assist consumers with questions about the transition, and provide on-site demonstrations and converter box installations.
- Consumer information, including converter box installation instructions, are available in English and Spanish by visiting www.dtv.gov or calling 1-888-CALL-FCC.

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Resources for reporters covering the DTV transition are available in the DTV Media Toolkit at http://www.dtv.gov/media_toolkit.html