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FCC ANNOUNCES PARTICIPANTS IN NATIONAL BROADBAND PLAN STAFF WORKSHOPS ON DEPLOYMENT, TECHNOLOGY

Washington, D.C. -- The Federal Communications Commission's staff workshops this week for the development of the National Broadband Plan will focus on deployment and technology.

On Wednesday, industry, staff and public participants will examine wireline and wireless deployment, as well as what it means to be unserved or underserved by broadband, why areas or groups are unserved and underserved, and what actions the United States should take to help stimulate broader and faster broadband deployment.

On Thursday, participants will examine both fixed and wireless broadband technologies that are affecting broadband networks today and that will likely affect them in the future.

WHAT: National Broadband Plan Staff Workshops

WHEN: Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 12 & 13. See agendas below for specific times

WHERE: FCC Commission Room, 445 12th St. SW, Washington D.C. 20554

ONLINE: Press and public attending online should register in advance at <http://www.broadband.gov/>. Click on "Workshops" tab.

During the workshops, audience members -- both in the room and online -- will have the opportunity to suggest questions in writing. Questions will be reviewed and, time permitting, may be asked by the moderator.

Staff workshops will be held throughout August and into September to promote an open dialogue between the FCC and key constituents on matters important to the National Broadband Plan. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 directed the FCC to submit a National Broadband Plan to Congress by February 17, 2010 that addresses broadband deployment, adoption, affordability, and the use of broadband to advance solutions to national priorities, including health care, education, energy, public safety, job creation, investment, and others.

Wednesday, August 12
WIRED DEPLOYMENT
9:30 a.m.

FCC Participants

- Rob Curtis, Moderator
- Steve Rosenberg
- Rebekah Goodheart

- Marcus Maher

Panel: Wired Deployment

- David Armentrout, President and COO, FiberNet
- Dallas S. Clement, EVP, Chief Strategy and Product Officer, Cox Communications
- Anthony J. (Tony) DiMaso, VP - Corporate Strategy and Development, Verizon Communications
- Monisha Merchant, Director, Product Management, Level 3 Communications
- Craig E. Moffett, VP and Senior Analyst, U.S. Telecommunications, Cable and Satellite, Sanford Bernstein
- Hunter Newby, CEO, Allied Fiber
- Marcus Weldon, CTO, Wireline Networks Product Division, Alcatel-Lucent

WIRELESS DEPLOYMENT

1:00 p.m.

FCC Participants

- Rob Curtis, moderator
- Charles Mathias
- Steve Rosenberg
- Nese Guendelsberger
- John Leibowitz

Panel 1: A Current View

- Stephen J. Bye, VP of Wireless, Cox Communications
- Jake MacLeod, EVP and CTO, Bechtel Telecommunications
- Neville Ray, SVP Engineering, T-Mobile
- Tom Sawanonbori, VP Network and Technology Strategy, Verizon Wireless

Panel 2: Different Perspectives

- Ed Evans, CEO, Stelera Wireless
- Brian Ponte, VP Business Development, Lemko
- Rowland Shaw, Director of Strategic Planning, Ericsson
- Scott Zwimmer, President, Air Advantage

UNSERVED/UNDERSERVED

3:30 pm

FCC Participants

- Ian Dillner, moderator
- Rob Curtis
- Steven Rosenberg
- Kris Monteith
- Susan Singer

Panel:

- James J. Bruder, Jr., CEO and Chairman, MetroCast Communications
- Dave Burstein, Editor and Publisher, DSL Prime
- Gary W. Evans, President and CEO, Hiawatha Broadband Communications, Inc., Winona, MN

- George S. Ford, PhD, Chief Economist, Phoenix Center for Advanced Legal & Economic Public Policy Studies
- Mark Gailey, President & General Manager, Totah Communications, Inc.
- Brett Glass, CEO, Lariat.net
- Kenneth G. Carroll, President and Chief Operating Officer, WildBlue
- Mark Cooper, Director of Research, Consumer Federation of America
- Frank Schueneman, Senior Vice President - Network Services, Windstream

Thursday, August 13
TECHNOLOGY: FIXED BROADBAND
9:30 a.m.

FCC Participants

- Julius Knapp, moderator
- Walter Johnston
- Stagg Newmann
- Robert Curtis
- Ronald T. Repasi

Panel 1: Fixed Broadband

- Dr. Victor Frost, Program Director, Network Technologies, National Science Foundation
- Bill St. Arnaud, CRO Canarie
- Adam Drobot, CTO Telcordia
- Vint Cerf, Vice President and Chief Evangelist, Google
- John T. Chapman, Chief CMTS Architect, Cisco
- Henning Schulzrinne, Professor, Columbia University
- Paul Misener, VP Global Public Policy, Amazon

Panel 2: Fixed Broadband Technologies

- David Burstein, Editor, DSL Prime
- Dr. Paul Henry, Broadband Wireless Systems Research Division, AT&T
- Mark DePietro, VP Strategy/Business Development, Broadband Home Solutions, Motorola
- Marc Goldberg, CTO, Assia (DSL)
- Jason Livingood, Exec. Director, Internet Engineering, Comcast
- David Young, Vice President, Verizon
- Geoff Burke, Senior Director, Corporate Marketing, Calix
- Stuart Lipoff, President, IP Action Partners

TECHNOLOGY: WIRELESS BROADBAND
1:30 p.m.

FCC/NTIA Participants:

- Julius Knapp, moderator
- Rashmi Doshi,
- Stagg Newmann
- Robert Curtis
- Ronald Repasi
- Karl Nebbia, Associate Administrator, Office of Spectrum Management, NTIA

Panel 1: Mobile Broadband

- Kristin Rinne, Senior VP Architecture and Planning, AT&T
- Sten Andersson, Head of Wireless Networks Solutions, Ericsson
- Barry West, President - International, Clearwire
- Scott Corson, Vice President of Engineering, Qualcomm Flarion Technologies
- Milo Medin, CTO, M2Z
- Tom Anderson, Head of Architecture for Mobility, Office of CTO, Alcatel-Lucent
- Sascha Meinrath, Open Technology Initiative, New America Foundation

Panel 2: Rural Broadband

- Mark D. Dankberg, CEO, ViaSat
- Jim O'Connor, Director, CPE Engineering and Planning, Open Range Communications
- Richard Keith, Senior Director of Strategy, Motorola
- Vanu Bose, President and CEO, Vanu Inc.
- P. Kelley Dunne, CEO, Digital Bridge
- Mark A. McHenry, Ph.D, President and CTO, Shared Spectrum Company
- Brett Glass, CEO, Lariat.net