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

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## **FCC ANNOUNCES PARTICIPANTS IN NATIONAL BROADBAND PLAN STAFF WORKSHOPS FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 31**

Washington, D.C. -- The Federal Communications Commission's staff workshops this week for the development of a National Broadband Plan will explore:

- State and local governments that have proactively addressed broadband deployment and adoption (Tuesday at 2:00 p.m.)
- Benchmarks for evaluating the dimensions of broadband across geographic areas and across time (Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.)
- Big ideas with the potential to change the Internet (Thursday at 9:30 a.m.)

**See agendas below for participants.**

**LOCATION:** FCC Commission Meeting Room, 445 12<sup>th</sup> St. SW, Washington D.C. 20554. Those attending are asked to register in advance at <http://www.broadband.gov/>. Click on "Workshops" tab.

**ONLINE:** Press and public attending online must 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.

**Tuesday, September 1**  
**STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS**  
**2:00 p.m.**

**FCC Participants:**

- Catherine Seidel, Chief, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau
- Sharon Gillett, Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau
- Erik Garr, General Manager, Omnibus Broadband Initiative
- Lauren Kravetz, Special Counsel, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

**Panel 1:**

- Commissioner Ray Baum, Oregon Public Utilities Commission
- John Conley, Deputy State Chief Information Officer, State of Colorado
- Charles Ghini, Director, Department of Management Services, Division of Telecommunications, State of Florida
- Karen Jackson, Deputy Secretary of Technology, Commonwealth of Virginia
- Dr. Craig Orgeron, Director, Strategic Services Division, Department of Information Technology Services, State of Mississippi
- Jane Patterson, Executive Director, e-NC Authority, State of North Carolina

**Panel 2:**

- Hardik Bhatt, Chief Information Officer, City of Chicago, and Commissioner, Chicago Department of Innovation and Technology
- Commissioner Paul Cosgrave, Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications, City of New York
- Joey Durel, City-Parish President, City of Lafayette, Louisiana
- Gary Gordier, Chief Information Officer and IT Director, City of El Paso, Texas
- Lori Sherwood, Cable Administrator, Howard County, Maryland
- Chris Vein, Chief Information Officer, City of San Francisco

**Wednesday, September 2**  
**BENCHMARKS**  
**1:30 p.m.**

**FCC Participants:**

- Donald K. Stockdale, Jr., Deputy Chief and Bureau Chief Economist, WCB
- Nick Maynard, Economic Research Manager
- Jon Peha, Chief Technologist
- Ken Lynch, Industry Economist, Industry Analysis and Technology Division, WCB, FCC

**Panel:**

- Scott Berendt, Director, Research, Evaluation and Documentation, One Economy
- Richard N. Clarke, Assistant Vice President, Public Policy, AT&T
- Jon Eisenberg, Director, Computer Science and Telecommunication Board, The National Academies
- Harold Feld, Legal Director, Public Knowledge
- Gregory L. Rosston, Deputy Director, Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research
- Catherine Sandoval, Assistant Professor of Law, Santa Clara University

**Thursday, September 3**  
**BIG IDEAS**  
**9:30 a.m.**

**FCC/NTIA Participants:**

- Jon Peha, Chief Technologist
- Bruce Gottlieb, Chief Counsel and Senior Legal Advisor to Chairman Julius Genachowski
- Stagg Newman, Chief Technologist, Omnibus Broadband Initiative
- Jonathan Levy, Deputy Chief Economist
- Jeffrey Neumann, Electronics Engineer, Media Bureau
- Daniel J. Weitzner, Associate Administrator for Policy, National Telecommunications and Information Administration

**Panel 1:**

- Dr. Robert D. Atkinson, President, The Information Technology and Innovation Foundation
- Dr. David D. Clark, Professor and Senior Research Scientist, MIT Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory
- Dr. Van Jacobson, Research Fellow, Palo Alto Research Center
- Dr. Scott Shenker, Professor of Computer Science, University of California Berkley
- Dr. Taieb Znati, Division Director, National Science Foundation, and Professor, Department of Computer Science, University of Pittsburg

**Panel 2:**

- Gilles BianRosa, Chief Executive Officer, Vuze, Inc.
- Dr. Richard R. Green, Former President and CEO, CableLabs
- Angela K. Morgenstern, Managing Director, PBS Interactive
- Gigi Sohn, President and Co-Founder, Public Knowledge
- Phil Wiser, Co-founder, Chairman and President, Sezmi

