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## FCC ANNOUNCES THE PUBLIC LAUNCH OF THE ELECTRONIC COMMENT FILING SYSTEM (ECFS) VERSION 2.0

*New System Advances Public Interaction in Rule Making  
Presentation on New System to Be Held October 23*

Washington DC -- Since 1998, the Federal Communication Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) has successfully served the Commission's goal of providing consumer access and transparency to the rulemaking process. The FCC has now upgraded and enhanced the ECFS and will present the changes at a public forum at FCC Headquarters on Friday, October 23, from 9:30 to 11:00 AM. The presentation will be held in the Commission Meeting Room.

ECFS was originally launched in October 1998 as a mechanism to allow electronic submission and query of rulemakings before the Commission. The system tracks all open proceedings and contains all formal rulemaking items and comments from 1992 to the present.

### **New Features**

With the 2.0 upgrade, ECFS will including many new features, including fully Section 508 compliance; the ability for users to file multiple documents to multiple rulemakings in a single submission; advanced search and query of rulemakings; ability to extract comments; RSS (Really Simple Syndication) feeds; and the ability to export data results to Excel or PDF formats.

### **Public Demonstration**

The FCC will hold a public presentation on Friday, October 23, from 9:30 to 11:00 AM in the Commission Hearing Room to provide information about the upgraded system and to give citizens an opportunity to discuss the future uses and capabilities of the FCC's comment filing system.

The presentation will be conducted by Bill Cline, Chief of the Reference Information Center. Please have proper identification and allow sufficient time for the security check into the building.