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

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**TWO PANELS SLATED FOR NOV. 6 FIELD HEARING ON  
BROADBAND ACCESS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**  
*Further Details on Agenda, Location Available*

On November 6, 2009, the Federal Communications Commission will hold a field hearing at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C. on disabilities access issues as part of its effort to gather information from experts and consumers for the development of a National Broadband Plan. Commissioner Michael Copps will host the hearing, and the public is encouraged to attend and participate. The details are as follows:

**LOCATION:**

Gallaudet University  
Jordan Student Academic Center, Multipurpose Room  
800 Florida Ave. NE  
Washington, D.C. 20002

**SCHEDULE:**

**Friday, November 6, 2009**

**9:00 a.m. –1:00 p.m.:** Technology Demonstrations

**9:30 a.m.:** Panel One –Broadband Access for People with Disabilities: Experiences, Opportunities and Barriers

**11:00 a.m.:** Panel Two – Broadband Access for People with Disabilities: Solutions and Recommendations

The November 6 hearing on disability access issues is one of several field hearings and staff workshops that the FCC is conducting to promote dialogue between the FCC and the public on the development of a 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 various national priorities.

For the full list of Commission workshops, please see:  
<http://www.broadband.gov/workshops.html>. In addition, join the discussion about broadband

access for people with disabilities at the Disabilities Access section of the FCC's blog at <http://blog.broadband.gov/> .

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The public may view the hearing and submit questions online at [www.FCC.gov/live](http://www.FCC.gov/live).

*Updates about the Federal Communications Commission's development of the National Broadband can be found at [www.broadband.gov](http://www.broadband.gov). You can also follow us on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/FCC>.*