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BROADBAND WORKSHOP FOCUSES ON ADVANCED FIBER NETWORKS

Washington, D.C. – The current experience with and future possibilities of advanced fiber networks will be the topic of a staff workshop at the Federal Communications Commission Thursday. Entitled “[Future Fiber Architectures and Local Deployment Choices](#),” the goal of the workshop will be to understand fiber and partial fiber networks that operate at speeds of 100 megabits per second and faster as solutions for public institutions, small-to-medium-sized enterprises, “middle mile” transport of data in rural areas, and homes. Open to the public, the workshop is intended to gather data and information for the development of a National Broadband Plan. .

TIME: Thursday, November 19, 2009, 9:30 a.m.

LOCATION: FCC Commission Meeting Room, 445 12th St. SW, Washington D.C. 20554.
Please register in advance at <http://www.broadband.gov/workshops/registration.htm?wsid=33>

ONLINE: Must register in advance at http://www.broadband.gov/ws_future_fiber.html

AGENDA:

9:30 a.m. **INTRODUCTION OF WORKSHOP**

FCC Participants:

- **David Isenberg**, Senior Advisor, National Broadband Taskforce
- **Stagg Newman**, Chief Technologist, National Broadband Taskforce
- **Tom Koutsky**, Senior Advisor, National Broadband Taskforce
- **Jon Peha**, Chief Technologist, FCC
- **Walter Johnston**, Chief, Electromagnetic Compatibility Division OET

9:35 a.m. **PANEL 1: FUTURE FIBER ARCHITECTURE**

- **John Cioffi**, Adaptive Spectrum and Signal Alignment, Inc.
- **David Reed**, Cable Television Laboratories, Inc.
- **David Reed**, MIT Media Lab
- **Dave Russell**, Calix Networks, Inc.
- **Johan Henæs**, INS Communications
- **John A Jay**, Manager, Worldwide Applications Engineering, Corning

11:30 a.m. **PANEL 2: LOCAL DEPLOYMENT CHOICES**

- **Dick Lynch**, Verizon Communications Inc.
- **Joanne Hovis**, National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors
- **Tim Nulty**, East Central Vermont Community Fiber Network
- **Herman Wagter**, Citynet Amsterdam
- **Benoit Felten**, Yankee Group Research, Inc.

1:00 p.m. **ADJOURNMENT**

Staff workshops are being held 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.

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