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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION'S
OFFICE OF ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY ESTABLISHES
TECHNICAL ADVISORY PROCESS FOR OPEN INTERNET PROCEEDING AND
ANNOUNCES WORKSHOP**

Washington, D.C. – The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) today announced that the Chief of the FCC's Office of Engineering & Technology (OET) has established a Technical Advisory Process to ensure that decisions in the Commission's proceeding on the open Internet reflect a thorough understanding of current technology and future technology trends. The process will provide an inclusive, open, and transparent forum for obtaining the best technical data and insights from a broad range of stakeholders, including through a public workshop on December 8, 2009 in the Commission meeting room.

The Technical Advisory Process was called for in the FCC's October 22, 2009 Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, "In the Matter of Preserving the Open Internet, Broadband Industry Practices" (FCC 09-93), GN Docket No. 09-191, WN Docket 07-52, which proposed draft rules to preserve the open Internet. OET has now established a technical working group comprised of engineers and technologists from across the FCC's bureaus and offices to receive information from stakeholders on the technical issues in the open Internet proceeding. The working group will hold *ex parte* meetings with engineers and other interested parties to understand the range of views in the technical community on the issues presented by the open Internet rulemaking, identify any areas of common ground between stakeholders, and clarify the scope of key differences. In addition, FCC engineers from the working group will be integrated into other teams within the Commission considering the various issues raised in the open Internet proceeding.

The Technical Advisory Process will include a workshop on December 8, 2009 starting at 10 a.m. in the Commission meeting room, which will be open to the public and live streamed via the Internet. The workshop will consist of tutorial presentations by experts on network management practices for various Internet access service delivery platforms, followed by questions from the Commission's technical working group and members of the public.

An agenda for the workshop will be made available soon. The workshop will be open to the public; however, admittance will be limited to the seating available. Audio/video coverage of the workshop will be broadcast live with open captioning over the Internet from the website for this proceeding at <http://www.openinternet.gov>.

Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities are available upon request. Please include a description of the accommodation you will need. Individuals making such requests must include their contact information should FCC staff need to contact them for more information. Requests should be made as early as possible. Please send an e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau: 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (TTY).

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