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

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## **FCC ANNOUNCES INITIAL PUBLIC WORKSHOPS FOR OPEN INTERNET PROCEEDING**

Washington, D.C. -- The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) today announced that Commission staff will hold an initial round of public workshops in December and January as part of the open Internet Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM). These workshops will explore issues raised in the proceeding, including the technical realities of broadband networks and the impact of the Internet's openness on various interests, including speech, democratic engagement, consumers, innovation, and investment. The dates, locations, and topics for additional spring workshops on the open Internet rulemaking will be announced in early 2010.

The first public workshop -- part of the Technical Advisory Process -- will address basic technical issues relevant to the proceeding and will occur on Dec. 8, 2009 starting at 10 a.m. in the Commission meeting room. It will be followed by a workshop on speech, democratic engagement, and the open Internet on Dec. 15, 2009 starting at 1 p.m. in the Commission meeting room. In January, Commission staff will hold two additional workshops: one on innovation, investment, and the open Internet, and the other on consumers, transparency, and the open Internet.

Agendas for the Dec. 8 and Dec. 15 workshops will be made available soon, as will dates and times for the January workshops. All workshops will be open to the public; however, admittance will be limited to the seating available. Audio/video coverage of the workshops will be broadcast live with open captioning over the Web on [www.openInternet.gov](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](mailto:fcc504@fcc.gov) or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau: 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (TTY).

For additional information about the workshops, visit [www.openInternet.gov](http://www.openInternet.gov).

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