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PANELISTS ANNOUNCED FOR APRIL 28 SEATTLE WORKSHOP ON APPROACHES TO PRESERVING THE OPEN INTERNET

WASHINGTON – The Federal Communications Commission's April 28 Open Internet workshop will include two panels addressing how the Internet's openness can best be preserved, including by examining historical and ongoing efforts to protect Internet openness in the U.S and other countries, and by discussing the key technological, economic, and legal considerations relevant to the need for and substance of the Commission's proposed open Internet policies. The first panel will focus on models for protecting the open Internet, including international approaches, and will include a discussion of the role of market forces in preserving or threatening Internet openness. The second will focus on the advantages and disadvantages of rules proposed by the Commission, and how they could be improved.

As previous workshops have shown, the Internet's openness is integral to the success of the online ecosystem, including by enabling innovation, investment, speech, democratic engagement, and consumer benefits. Panelists will address these issues across Internet access platforms, including mobile wireless broadband.

WHAT: Approaches to Preserving the Open Internet
WHEN: Wednesday, April 28, 9:30 am (Pacific)
WHERE: Jackson Federal Building
915 2nd Avenue
Seattle, Washington

ONLINE: www.openinternet.gov/workshops

PANELISTS: Cole Brodman, Chief Technology and Innovation Officer, T-Mobile
Terry Davis, Technical Fellow, Boeing
Michael Geist, Professor of Law, University of Ottawa
Carl Gipson, Director for Small Business, Technology and Telecommunications, Washington Policy Center
Preston McAfee, Vice President and Research Fellow, Yahoo! Research
Barbara van Schewick, Assistant Professor of Law, Stanford Law School
Bill Schrier, Chief Technology Officer, City of Seattle

Mike Sievert, Chief Commercial Officer, Clearwire

Gigi Sohn, President and Co-Founder, Public Knowledge

Simon Wilkie, Chair, University of Southern California Economics
Department

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 streamed live with open captioning over the Web at www.openinternet.gov/workshops.

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