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FCC ANNOUNCES TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR MARCH 3RD OPEN MEETING

Washington, D.C. -- Today, Federal Communications Commission Chairman Julius Genachowski announced that the following items will be on the tentative agenda for the next open meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 3, 2011. The meeting will be in two parts, the first dedicated to communications issues affecting Native Nations, and the second to other Commission business:

- **Native Nations Spectrum NPRM:** A Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to explore a range of recommendations to help close the wireless gap on Tribal Lands.
- **Tribal and Rural Radio Orders and FNPRM:** Orders revising rules or establishing waiver standards that will make it easier for Native Nations to provide radio service to areas that are the functional equivalent of Tribal Lands and to Tribal Lands that are small or irregularly shaped. A further notice invites additional comment on adopting a Tribal Bidding Credit and alternative ways to foster radio service by Native Nations on their lands. Also, an order adjusting policies for determining whether proposed new radio stations or station moves constitute an equitable distribution of radio service under Section 307(b) of the Communications Act.
- **Omnibus NOI on Improving Communications Services for Native Nations:** A Notice of Inquiry that explores ways to overcome the barriers to deployment of communications services to Native Nations communities, and to improve consultation and coordination with Native Nations.
- **NPRM to Streamline and Clarify the Commission's Rules Governing Retransmission Consent:** A Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that seeks comment on changes to rules governing or affecting retransmission consent negotiations between broadcasters and multichannel video programming distributors.
- **Lifeline/Link Up Reform and Modernization NPRM:** A Notice of Proposed Rulemaking proposing to reform the Universal Service Fund's Lifeline and Link Up programs to eliminate waste, fraud, and abuse; improve program administration, accountability, and fiscal responsibility; and modernize the program in light of market and technology changes, including to support pilot programs for broadband adoption.
- **Advanced Communications Services NPRM:** A Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that seeks comment on rules implementing provisions of the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010 (CVAA). The NPRM proposes rules requiring providers of advanced communications services and manufacturers of equipment used for those services to make their products accessible to people with disabilities.

- **Video Description NPRM:** Also implementing the CVAA, this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking proposes to reinstate the video description rules adopted by the Commission in 2000, as directed by Congress.

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