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

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## **FCC ANNOUNCES PANELISTS FOR APRIL 6 WORKSHOP ON INTERCARRIER COMPENSATION REFORM**

The first of three FCC workshops designed to identify solutions to key issues related to Universal Service Fund and intercarrier compensation (ICC) reform will focus on modernizing ICC for the broadband age.

Inter-carrier compensation is the complex system of payments between carriers for the origination and delivery of traffic. Rooted in 20<sup>th</sup> century telephone technologies and market structures, the system is increasingly dysfunctional in a world of Internet-based communications.

Panel discussions will focus on addressing phantom traffic and access stimulation (also known as traffic pumping), and determining the appropriate ICC framework for voice over Internet protocol (VoIP) traffic. Panelists will also identify options for developing a recovery mechanism as part of long-term reform of ICC, and other issues.

Featuring a broad range of stakeholders, the workshops will inform the FCC's consideration of proposals from the USF/ICC Transformation NPRM, unanimously adopted Feb. 8, 2011. The FCC has indicated that it intends to adopt reforms in this rulemaking in the coming months.

**WHAT:** Workshop on Intercarrier Compensation Reform

**WHERE:** FCC Commission Room, 445 12<sup>th</sup> St. SW, Washington DC 20554

**WHEN:** Wednesday, April 6, 9:15 a.m. – 3:00 pm EDT

**WHO:** FCC Chairman, Commissioners, and staff; outside panelists, state commissioners and staff

**LIVESTREAM:** <http://www.fcc.gov/live>

**ONLINE PARTICIPATION VIA WEBEX:**

<https://fcccvents.webex.com/fcccvents/onstage/g.php?t=a&d=997744250>

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## AGENDA

*Note: this preliminary agenda is subject to change*

**9:15 a.m. Welcome and Introductory Remarks from Chairman Julius Genachowski, Commissioners and Senior Bureau Staff**

**Session 1: Intercarrier Compensation Arbitrage Issues and ICC Obligations for VoIP**

**Access Stimulation/Phantom Traffic Panel:**

- Krista Tanner, Board Member, Iowa Utilities Board
- Dave Schornack, Director of Business Development, TekStar Communications
- David Erickson, Founder/CEO, FreeConferenceCall.com
- David Frankel, Founder, ZipDX
- Jonathan Banks, Senior Vice President, Law and Policy, USTelecom
- Melissa Newman, Vice President, Federal Relations , Qwest Communications
- Michael Romano, Senior Vice President of Policy, National Telecommunications Cooperative Association (NTCA)

**Intercarrier Compensation for VoIP Panel:**

- Kathleen Grillo, Senior Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, Verizon Communications Inc.
- Eric Einhorn, Vice President of Federal Government Affairs, Windstream Communications Inc.
- Julie Laine, Group Vice President, Regulatory, Time Warner Cable Inc.
- Brendan Kasper, Senior Regulatory Counsel, Vonage America
- Lisa R. Youngers, Vice President, Federal Affairs, XO Communications Inc.
- Paul Gallant, Senior Vice President / Telecom Analyst, MF Global: Washington Research Group
- Peter McGowan, General Counsel, New York State Department of Public Service

**12:30 -- 1:30 p.m. Lunch break**

**1:30 – 3:00 pm, Session 2: Developing a Recovery Mechanism**

- John Rose, President, Organization for the Promotion and Advancement of Small Telephone Companies (OPASTCO)
- Kenneth Mason, Vice President of Government and Regulatory Affairs, Frontier Communications Inc.
- Robert W. Quinn, Senior Vice President-Federal Regulatory and Chief Privacy Officer, AT&T Services, Corp.
- Charles McKee, Vice President, Federal and State Regulatory, Sprint Nextel Corp.
- Frank Louthan, Analyst, Raymond James
- David Bergmann, Assistant Consumers' Counsel Chair, NASUCA Telecommunications Committee

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