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COMMISSIONERS COPPS, CLYBURN IN NEBRASKA MAY 17TH AND 18TH TO HIGHLIGHT FEDERAL-STATE EFFORTS TO BRING BROADBAND ACCESS TO RURAL COMMUNITIES

Commissioners Will Hear from Consumers and Other Stakeholders About the Importance of Broadband Access in Today's Rural Economy

(Washington, D.C.) – Commissioners Michael Copps and Mignon Clyburn, along with Congressman Lee Terry, will hold a roundtable discussion with citizens on broadband adoption and use on Tuesday in Omaha. Commissioner Clyburn chairs the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, the Federal-State Joint Board on Jurisdictional Separations, and the Federal-State Joint Conference on Advanced Services, and Commissioner Copps is a member of these three bodies.

On Wednesday, the Commissioners will be attending a day-long workshop with state officials to discuss reforming the Universal Service Fund in order to make the benefits of broadband available to every American. Chairman Genachowski and Congressman Terry will be participating in a consumer discussion and public forum following the workshop.

All events are open and free to the public.

DETAILS ON THE EVENTS:

MAY 17, 5-6 PM: Broadband Adoption Roundtable

WHERE: Omaha Public Library, Charles B. Washington Branch, 2868 Ames Ave., Omaha, NE

WHO: Congressman Terry and Commissioners Copps and Clyburn

Topics to be discussed with Omaha's citizens will include the benefits of digital literacy and broadband Internet access at community anchor institutions, citizens' use of and reliance upon applications and services offered on-line, and barriers to purchasing Internet service at home.

MAY 18, 10 AM- 4:30 PM, Workshop on Defining the Federal/State Partnership in a Broadband World

WHERE: Thompson Center, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 6705 Dodge St., Omaha, NE

WHO: Commissioners Copps and Clyburn, video remarks from Commissioner Robert McDowell, Anne Boyle, Commissioner, Nebraska Public Service Commission; Larry Landis, Commissioner, Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, John Burke, Board Member, Vermont Public Services Board, and others. Full agenda available at http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2011/db0510/DOC-306412A1.doc

4:45 PM – 6:00 PM: Consumer Discussion and Public Forum. This is the concluding session of the Federal-State Workshop at the Thompson Center. Congressman Terry and FCC Chairman Julius Genachowski will participate and deliver remarks.

PARTICIPATE IN THE MAY 18 WORKSHOP ONLINE:

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

EMAIL QUESTIONS TO THE WORKSHOP MODERATOR: USFICReform@fcc.gov.

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