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

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## FCC ANNOUNCES TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR AUGUST 9<sup>th</sup> OPEN MEETING

(Washington, D.C.) – Federal Communications Commission Chairman Julius Genachowski announced that the following items will be on the tentative agenda for the next open meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 9, 2011:

**Unleashing Spectrum for Wireless Backhaul to Promote Broadband Deployment Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking:** As part of its Broadband Acceleration Initiative, the Commission will consider a Report and Order, Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Memorandum Opinion and Order addressing several proposals to remove regulatory barriers to the full and effective use of certain spectrum bands for wireless backhaul to promote broadband deployment. The item also addresses other ways to make additional spectrum available for wireless backhaul.

**Foreign Ownership Review Streamlining NPRM:** As part of the Commission's regulatory reform efforts, a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to reduce regulatory burdens and streamline the review process for foreign ownership of common carrier radio licensees (e.g., wireless phone companies) and certain aeronautical radio licensees under section 310(b)(4) of the Communications Act, while ensuring the Commission continues to receive the information it needs to serve the public interest. This item does not address issues related to foreign ownership of broadcast licensees.

**Foreign Ownership Review Guidelines Clarification Order and Declaratory Ruling:** As part of the Commission's efforts to provide greater clarity regarding foreign ownership review standards, an Order and Declaratory Ruling regarding the International Bureau's Foreign Ownership Guidelines and the application of section 310(b)(3) of the Communications Act to certain foreign ownership of common carrier and aeronautical licensees. This item does not address issues related to foreign ownership of broadcast licensees.

**Foreign Ownership Rulings Review Order:** As part of the Commission's efforts to provide greater clarity regarding foreign ownership review procedures, an Order on Reconsideration addressing two section 310(b)(4) foreign ownership rulings granted to Verizon Wireless in two proceedings approving its acquisitions of Rural Cellular Corporation (RCC) and Alltel Corporation (Alltel). This item does not address issues related to foreign ownership of broadcast licensees.

The Open Meeting is scheduled to commence at 10:30 a.m. in Room TW-C305, at 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. The event will be shown live at [FCC.gov/live](http://FCC.gov/live).