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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 FEBRUARY 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 Wednesday, February 15, 2012:

**Robocalls Report and Order:** The Commission will consider a Report and Order that protects consumers from unwanted autodialed or prerecorded calls (“robocalls”) by adopting rules that ensure consumers have given prior express consent before receiving robocalls, can easily opt out of further robocalls, and will experience “abandoned” telemarketing calls only in strictly limited instances.

**Streamlining Cellular Service Licensing Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Order:** As part of its ongoing efforts to remove outdated regulations and reduce unnecessary regulatory burdens, the Commission will consider a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Order proposing a staged approach to revising the licensing model for the Cellular Service from a site-based to a geographically-based approach. The proposal will offer greater flexibility and reduce regulatory requirements, while enabling greater rural deployment. The item also includes several other proposals to streamline the Cellular Service rules, including interim restrictions and procedures for cellular service applications.

**Extending Outage Reporting Obligations to Interconnected VoIP Services Report and Order:** Furthering the Commission’s commitment to public safety, the Commission will consider a Report and Order to extend outage reporting under Part IV of the rules to interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) service providers. Extended reporting will enable the Commission to fulfill statutory E9-1-1 obligations and help protect the growing number of Americans who rely on VOIP phone service.

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).

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