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**FCC ANNOUNCES TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR MAY OPEN MEETING**

Washington, D.C. – Federal Communications Commission Chairman Tom Wheeler announced that the following items are tentatively on the agenda for May’s Open Commission Meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 21, 2015:

**Accessible Emergency Information**: The Commission is expected to consider a proposal to extend accessibility rules for emergency alerts to “second screens,” including tablets, smartphones, laptops, and similar devices.  The Second Report and Order and Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking would take additional steps to make emergency information in video programming accessible to individuals who are blind or visually impaired.

**Extend and Make Permanent ‘iCanConnect’ Program:** The Commission is expected to consider an Order to extend the National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution Program and consider a Proposed Rulemaking to permanently extend the program.  The program provides up to $10 million annually from the Interstate Telecommunications Relay Service Fund to support programs that distribute communications equipment to low-income individuals who are deaf-blind.

The Open Meeting is scheduled to commence at 10:30 a.m. in Room TW-C305 of the Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C.

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