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For Immediate Release**COMMISSIONER STARKS ANNOUNCES FIELD HEARING IN
SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO ON RESILIENT COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS***Updated with Witness Information*

WASHINGTON, February 20, 2020—On Friday, February 21, 2020, Commissioner Geoffrey Starks will host a field hearing in San Juan, Puerto Rico. The hearing will convene stakeholders from across private and public organizations to discuss steps taken to improve the resiliency of communications networks since Hurricanes Irma and Maria, how communications networks and recovery efforts performed during recent earthquakes, and what additional actions are needed to ensure that communications networks are always available, particularly to meet public safety needs.

WHAT: Field Hearing on Resilient Communications Networks**WHO:** FCC Commissioner Geoffrey Starks*Witnesses:*

- Elba Aponte Santos – President, Asociación de Maestros de Puerto Rico
- Luis M. Benítez-Burgos, Staff Representative, Communications Workers of America and Past President of CWA Local 3010
- Darrick Kouns, Chief of Operations in Puerto Rico, ITDRC
- Jaime Pla-Cortés, Executive President, Puerto Rico Hospital Association
- Sandra Torres López, President, Puerto Rico Telecommunications Regulatory Board
- David Bogarty, Owner and CEO, Worldnet
- Jose Cancela, Station Manager, WKAQ-TV
- Naji Khouri, President and CEO, Liberty Puerto Rico
- Francisco J. Silva, General Counsel, Claro Puerto Rico

WHEN: Friday, February 21, 2020 at 2:30 p.m.**WHERE:** University of Puerto Rico – Rio Piedras Campus
School of Law, Room L-3
14 Ave. Universidad
San Juan, Puerto Rico 00925

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