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**FEDERAL-STATE JOINT BOARD ON UNIVERSAL SERVICE:
AGENDA AND PANELISTS ANNOUNCED FOR STAFF WORKSHOPS
ON PROXY COST MODELS ON JANUARY 14-15, 1997**

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On December 12, 1996, the Federal-State Joint Board on universal service announced that the staff would conduct workshops to enable the federal and state staffs to work with industry participants to select a proxy model on **January 14 and 15, 1997** [DA 96-2091]. The workshops will be held in the Commission's room 856 at 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. beginning at 9 a.m. each day, and are open to the public.

The workshops will consist of four round table discussions on issues relating to the selection of a proxy cost model for determining the cost of providing the service supported by the universal service support mechanism. The first panel will discuss modeling network investment; the second panel will discuss modeling operating and support expenses; the third panel will discuss modeling capital expenses; and the fourth panel will discuss validation of the models. An agenda for the workshops and a list of the participants on each panel is attached.

In response to the December 12, 1996 Public Notice announcing the workshops, three proxy cost models have been submitted for consideration at the workshops: (1) the Benchmark Cost Proxy Model (BCPM) was submitted by U S West, Sprint, and Pacific Bell; (2) the Hatfield Model, Version 2.2, Release 2, developed by Hatfield Associates, was submitted by AT&T Corp. and MCI Telecommunications Corp.; and (3) the Telecom Economic Cost Model, developed by Ben Johnson Associates, Inc, was submitted by the New Jersey Division of the Ratepayer Advocate. Those submissions are available for public inspection during regular business hours in the FCC Reference Center, Room 239, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. Parties may also obtain copies of those submissions from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Service, Inc., Room 140, 2100 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037, phone number 202-857-3819.

The workshops will be video taped. Parties can request copies of the video tapes by calling 202-418-0460 or TTY 202-418-1398. Parties making a request should identify the date and title of the presentation of which they would like a tape made.

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WORKSHOP AGENDA

Tuesday, January 14

- 9:00-9:30 Introductory remarks
- 9:30-10:15 Overview of models
- 9:30-9:45 Telecom Economic Cost Model
- 9:45-10:00 Hatfield model
- 10:00-10:15 BCPM
- 10:15-10:30 Break
- 10:30-12:00 Panel 1: Modeling network investment
- 12:00-1:00 Lunch
- 1:00-2:00 Panel 1, continued: Modeling network investment
- 2:00-2:30 Audience questions on panel 1: Modeling network investment
- 2:30-2:45 Break
- 2:45-4:15 Panel 2: Modeling operating and support expenses
- 4:15-4:30 Break
- 4:30-5:30 Panel 2, continued: Modeling operating and support expenses
- 5:30-6:00 Audience questions on panel 2: Modeling operating and support expenses

Wednesday, January 15

- 9:00-10:30 Panel 3: Modeling capital expenses
- 10:30-10:45 Break
- 10:45-11:45 Panel 3, continued: Modeling capital expenses
- 11:45-12:15 Audience questions on panel 3: Modeling capital expenses
- 12:15-1:15 Lunch
- 1:15-2:45 Panel 4: Validation of models
- 2:45-3:00 Break
- 3:00-4:00 Panel 4, continued: Validation of models
- 4:00-4:30 Audience questions on panel 4: Validation of models
- 4:30-5:00 Closing remarks

PANELISTS

Panel 1: Modeling Network Investment

Moderator: Robert Loube, FCC

Panelists: Jim Dunbar, Sprint; David Gabel, Queens College; Lisa K. Hanselman, GVNW Inc./Management; Ben Johnson, Ben Johnson Associates; Peter Martin, BellSouth; John Schrottenboer, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company; David N. Porter, MFS; Robert Mercer, Hatfield Associates; Tom Wilson, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

Panel 2: Modeling Operating and Support Expenses

Moderator: William Sharkey, FCC

Panelists: Susan Baldwin, Economics and Technology, Inc.; Mark Bryant, MCI; Peter Copeland, U S West, Inc.; David Dowds, Florida Public Service Commission; Ben Johnson, Ben Johnson Associates; Robert C. Schoonmaker, GVNW Inc./Management; William E. Taylor, National Economic Research Associates, Inc.; Roger White, GTE Telephone Operations;

Panel 3: Modeling Capital Expenses

Moderator: Emily Hoffnar, FCC

Panelists: Richard Clarke, AT&T; Lawrence P. Cole, GTE Laboratories, Inc.; Jerry Hausman, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Ben Johnson, Ben Johnson Associates; Labros Pilalis, Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission; Robert C. Schoonmaker, GVNW Inc./Management; Lee Selwyn, Economics and Technology, Inc.; James Vander Weide, Financial Strategy Associates;

Panel 4: Validation of the Models

Moderator: David Krech, FCC

Panelists: Vincent Callahan, NYNEX; Laurits R. Christensen, Christensen Associates, Inc; Paul Cooper, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company; Richard Emmerson, INDETEC International; Lisa K. Hanselman, GVNW Inc./Management; Ben Johnson, Ben Johnson Associates; Daniel Kelley, Hatfield Associates; William Page Montgomery, Montgomery Consulting; Jeffery H. Rohlfs, Strategic Policy Research; Trevor Roycroft, Ohio University; Joel B. Shifman, Maine Public Utilities Commission