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PUBLIC MEETING TO BE HELD ON PROPOSALS TO REFORM THE COMMISSION'S UNIVERSAL SERVICE CONTRIBUTION METHODOLOGY

CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 98-171, 90-571, 92-237, NSD File No. L-00-72, CC Docket Nos. 99-200, 95-116, 98-170

Release Date: June 14, 2002

The Commission will hold a public meeting on Friday, June 21, 2002, at 1:00 p.m. in the Commission meeting room, Room TW-C305, at 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. The purpose of the meeting is to explore ways of ensuring that the Commission's universal service methodology remains consistent with the requirements of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, as the telecommunications marketplace continues to evolve. State members of the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service (Joint Board) are invited to join the Commissioners in presiding over the meeting.

Panelists representing a broad range of interests will present their views and proposals regarding reform of the contribution methodology to the Commission at the meeting. The first panel will address the relative merits of the proposed assessment methodologies submitted in the record. The second panel will discuss issues regarding the recovery of contributions from consumers. The tentative agenda for the meeting follows below:

1:00 - 1:05pm: Opening Remarks by Commissioner Kathleen Abernathy of the Commission, Chair of the Joint Board and Chair Nan Thompson of the Alaska Public Utilities Commission, State Chair of the Joint Board

1:05 - 1:45pm: Introduction to the Assessment and Recovery of Universal Service Contributions

1:45 - 3:00pm: Panel 1: Contribution Assessment Methodologies

3:00 - 3:15pm: Break

3:15 - 4:15pm: Panel 2: Recovery of Contributions

4:15 - 4:30pm: Closing Remarks

The meeting will be held from 1:00 PM to 4:30 PM in the Commission Meeting Room at the Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. The meeting is open to the public and seating will be available on a first come, first served basis. The audio portion of the meeting will be broadcast live on the Internet via the FCC's Internet audio broadcast page at http://www.fcc.gov/realaudio/. Audio and video tapes of this meeting can be purchased from Infocus, 341 Victory Drive, Herndon, VA 20170, telephone (703) 834-1470, Ext. 10; fax number (703) 834-0111.

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