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FCC Announces Further Details of Public Hearing on Early Termination Fees

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) today announced further details on a public hearing on early termination fees that will be hosted on Thursday, June 12, 2008, 10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., in the Commission Meeting Room (TW-C305).

Hearing information:

Date: June 12, 2008
Time: 10:00 a.m. (Eastern)
Location: FCC Headquarters Building
Room TW-C305
445 12th Street, S.W.
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Agenda and List of Witnesses:

10:00 a.m. Welcome/Opening Remarks
10:30 a.m. Panel Discussion 1 – Early Termination Fees:
Consumer and Industry Practices and Perspectives

Anne C. Boyle
Chair, Nebraska Public Service Commission

Daniel L. Brenner
Senior Vice President, Law & Regulatory Policy
National Cable & Telecommunications Association

Thomas W. Hazlett

Professor of Law & Economics
George Mason University School of Law

Larry S. Landis
Commissioner, Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission

John F. Murphy
Senior Vice President, Controller, and Chief Accounting
Officer
The DIRECTV Group

Patrick Pearlman
Deputy Consumer Advocate
West Virginia Public Service Commission, appearing on
behalf of the National Association of State Utility
Consumer Advocates (NASUCA)

Harold Schroer
Individual Consumer

Lee L. Selwyn, Ph.D
President and Founder
Economics and Technology Inc.

Thomas J. Tauke
Executive Vice President – Public Affairs, Policy and
Communications
Verizon Communications

Molly White
Individual Consumer

12:00 p.m. – 12:15 p.m. Break

12:15 p.m. Panel Discussion 2 – Legal Implications

Seamus C. Duffy
Partner, Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP

Pamela Gilbert
Partner, Cuneo Gilbert & LaDuca, LLP
Washington, D.C. Counsel, Cellphone Early Termination
Fee Cases pending in Superior Court in Alameda County,
California

Christopher Guttman-McCabe
Vice President, Regulatory Affairs

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Chris Murray
Senior Counsel
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Alan R. Plutzik
Attorney, Bransom, Plutzik, Mahler & Birkhaeuser, LLP
Counsel of Record for Wireless Consumers Alliance in
FCC Docket Nos. 05-193 and 05-194

Christopher J. Wright
Partner, Harris, Wiltshire & Grannis LLP

1:15 p.m. Closing Remarks

1:30 p.m. Adjournment

The Commission will hear from expert panelists regarding the use of early termination fees by communications service providers. The hearing is open to the public and seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

The hearing will be webcast live and also archived for later viewing. Access to the webcast, and additional information concerning the webcast, will be available at <http://www.fcc.gov/realaudio/>. Open captioning will be provided for the webcast.

For a fee this meeting can be viewed live over George Mason University's Capitol Connection. The Capitol Connection also will carry the meeting live via the Internet. To purchase these services call (703) 993-3100 or go to www.capitolconnection.gmu.edu.

Pursuant to section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, the hearing is part of a permit-but-disclose proceeding in which *ex parte* presentations are subject to disclosure. For that reason, notice of the hearing, a video recording of the hearing, and information on accessing the webcast will be placed in the public record of docket number 05-194.

The public may file comments or other documents with the Commission and should reference docket number 05-194 when filing by paper or submit your filing electronically by going to http://gullfoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/upload_v2.cgi and enter proceeding number 05-194. Filing instructions are provided at <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/>.

Sign language interpreters and open captioning will be provided for this event. Other reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. Include a description of the accommodation needed, and include a way we can contact you if we need more information. Please make your request as early as possible. Last minute requests will be accepted, but may be impossible to

fill. You may send an e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (Voice), 202-418-0432 (TTY).

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