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Chairman Genachowski Releases Update to 2009 Rural Broadband Report

GN Docket No. 11-16

The 2008 Farm Bill directed the Chairman of Federal Communications Commission, in coordination with the Secretary of Agriculture, to submit to Congress during 2009 a report describing "a comprehensive rural broadband strategy."[1] The 2008 Farm Bill also required the Chairman, in coordination with the Secretary of Agriculture, to "update and evaluate" the Rural Broadband Report in 2011.[2] On June 17, 2011, Chairman Genachowski delivered to Congress a Report constituting that update and evaluation; the Report was released to the public on June 22, 2011. A copy of that Report is attached. This public notice and the attached Report will be published in the FCC Record pursuant to section 0.416 of the Commission's rules.[3]

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[1] Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, Pub. L. No. 110-246, § 6112, 122 Stat. 923, 1966 (2008) (2008 Farm Bill); *see also* ACTING CHMN. MICHAEL J. COPPS, FCC, BRINGING BROADBAND TO RURAL AMERICA: REPORT ON A RURAL BROADBAND STRATEGY (2009), *attached to Rural Broadband Report Published in FCC Record*, GN Docket No. 09-29, Public Notice, 24 FCC Rcd 12791 (2009).

[2] 2008 Farm Bill, § 6112(b), 122 Stat. at 1966 ("The Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, in coordination with the Secretary, shall update and evaluate the report described in subsection (a) during the third year after the date of enactment of this Act.").

[3] 47 C.F.R. § 0.416.