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FCC ANNOUNCES SECOND TECHNOLOGY TRANSITIONS POLICY TASK FORCE WORKSHOP

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The Federal Communications Commission's Technology Transitions Policy Task Force is conducting a data-driven review of the ongoing technology transitions affecting the communications marketplace to ensure that the Commission's policies continue to encourage innovation and investment, empower and protect consumers, promote competition, and ensure network resiliency and reliability. The Task Force held an initial workshop in March 2013 to gather data and analysis to establish a factual baseline understanding of these transitions.¹ Continuing that effort, the Task Force today announces a second workshop to address the potential impacts from these transitions on consumers and competition.

The second workshop will be held on Tuesday, October 15, 2013, in the Commission Meeting Room (TW-C305), 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C., 20554. This workshop will focus on the consumer and competitive impacts of two key technology transitions: (1) the replacement of copper networks with fiber; and (2) the shift from wireline services toward greater use of wireless services. Specifically, the workshop will solicit data and analysis on the potential effects on residential and business consumers as well as the competitive marketplace when providers retire or discontinue copper-based services and replace them with IP-based fiber and/or wireless service. Panelists will include a broad array of stakeholders and observers to discuss how these technological changes could potentially affect consumers and competition. Additional details concerning the workshop agenda and panelists will be forthcoming.

The workshop will be free and open to the public, and will also be streamed live at <http://www.fcc.gov/live>. Reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. The request should include a detailed description of the accommodation needed and contact information. We ask that requests for accommodations be made as soon as possible in order to allow the agency to satisfy such requests whenever possible. Send an email to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (TTY).

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¹ See <http://www.fcc.gov/events/technology-transitions-policy-task-force-workshop>.