FCC PROVIDES FURTHER DETAILS ON AGENDA FOR JULY 9 WORKSHOP ON INMATE CALLING SERVICES

WC Docket No. 12-375

The preliminary agenda for the FCC’s July 9 workshop to examine and analyze policy issues related to Inmate Calling Services (ICS) will include four panel discussions, as follows:

Opening Remarks (9:30 AM) Chairman Tom Wheeler; Commissioner Mignon Clyburn; Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel

Panel 1 Impact of FCC Reform and Potential Need for Additional Reform – This panel will address the impact of reforms since the 2013 ICS Report and Order and FNPRM, the benefits to consumers, and the potential need for additional FCC and/or state reforms.

Panel 2 Understanding the Provision of ICS in Different Facilities – This panel will focus on understanding the primary cost drivers of providing ICS in different types of correctional facilities.

Lunch Break

Panel 3 Ancillary Charges – This panel will discuss ancillary charges, the types, rates, whether new charges have occurred since the 2013 Order, and potential reforms to limit these charges.

Panel 4 New Technologies – This panel will consider new and emerging forms of communications in correctional settings beyond the traditional wireline telephone call.

Closing Remarks (4:30 PM)

Additional details concerning the workshop agenda and panelists will be forthcoming.

Attendance - This workshop is open to the public and will be held in the Commission meeting room, 445 12th St. SW, Washington, DC 20554. Attendees are advised to arrive approximately 30 minutes prior to the start of the workshop to allow time to go through our security process.
Webcast - To view a Webcast of the workshop, go to www.fcc.gov/live on the day of the event. Viewers may submit questions by e-mail to livequestions@fcc.gov.

Website - Updates to the workshop agenda will be available on the workshop’s Website at http://www.fcc.gov/events/workshop-further-reform-inmate-calling-services.

The FCC will attempt to accommodate as many attendees as possible; however, admittance will be limited to seating availability. The Commission will provide audio and/or video coverage of the meeting over the Internet from the FCC’s Web page at http://www.fcc.gov/live. Open captioning will be provided for this event. Other reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. Requests for such accommodations should be submitted via e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov or by calling the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418–0530 (voice), (202) 418–0432 (tty). Such requests should include a detailed description of the accommodation needed and a way the FCC can contact you if it needs more information. Please make your request as early as possible; last-minute requests will be accepted, but may be impossible to fulfill.

We also take this opportunity to remind the public that presentations to decision-making personnel that go to the merits of the Commission’s pending permit-but-disclose proceeding in Rates for Interstate Inmate Calling Services, WC Docket No. 12-375, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 28 FCC Rcd 14107 (2013) (ICS Report and Order and FNPRM), must comply with the Commission’s ex parte rules. See 47 C.F.R. § 1.1200 et seq. Interested parties are also invited to submit written ex parte presentations in this public docket.

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