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FCC ANNOUNCES NEXT MEETING OF THE CONSUMER/DISABILITY TELECOMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE – NOVEMBER 30

The Consumer/Disability Telecommunications Advisory Committee (hereinafter "the Committee") will hold its next meeting on November 30, 2001, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Federal Communications Commission's headquarters building, Room TW-C305, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554.

On November 30, 2000, the Federal Communications Commission announced the establishment of the Committee. Its purpose is to make recommendations to the Commission regarding consumer and disability issues within the jurisdiction of the Commission and to facilitate the participation of consumers (including people with disabilities and underserved populations) in proceedings before the Commission. The Committee is organized under, and operates in accordance with, the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C., App. 2 (1988) (FACA).

DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF COMMITTEE MEETING

The Committee will hold its next meeting on November 30, 2001, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Federal Communications Commission's headquarters building, Room TW-C305, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554.

The meeting will be open to the public. Minutes of the meeting will be available for public inspection at the FCC headquarters building and will be posted on the Commission's website at www.fcc.gov/cib/cdtac.

The meeting will be broadcast on the Internet in Real Audio/Real Video format with captioning at www.fcc.gov/cib/cdtac. The meeting will be sign language interpreted and realtime transcription and assistive listening devices will also be available. Meeting agendas and handout material will also be provided in accessible formats. The meeting site is fully accessible to people with disabilities.

MEETING AGENDA

During its November 30th meeting, the Committee will discuss the Telecommunications Act of 1996, and more specifically, whether competition in the local exchange and long distance markets has benefited consumers. Subcommittees will also be afforded time to conduct their business.

Committee meetings will be open to the public and interested persons may attend the meetings and communicate their views. Members of the public will have an opportunity to address the Committee on issues of interest to them and the Committee. Members of groups or individuals who are not members of the Committee will also have the opportunity to participate in work conducted by subcommittees of the Committee. Written comments for the Committee may be sent to the Committee's Designated Federal Officer, Scott Marshall, at the address listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Scott Marshall, Designated Federal Officer, Consumer/Disability Telecommunications Advisory Committee, Consumer Information Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20554. Telephone 202-418-2809 (voice) or 202-418-0179 (TTY) and email: cdtac@fcc.gov.