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**FCC PROVIDES FURTHER DETAILS ON AGENDA FOR**

**JULY 10 WORKSHOP ON INMATE CALLING SERVICES**

**WC Docket No. 12-375**

The preliminary agenda for a July 10, 2013 FCC workshop to examine and analyze policy issues related to Inmate Calling Services (ICS) will include remarks from special guests and three panel discussions, as follows:

**Welcome (9:00 AM): FCC Staff**

**Opening Remarks (9:15 AM): Acting Chairwoman Mignon Clyburn**

**Panel 1 (9:30 AM): Consumers and Public Policy** – This panel will explore individual and societal impacts of ICS rates, rate reform, and increased contact between incarcerated individuals and their families.

**Remarks from**

**Dignitaries (11:00 AM): The Honorable Bobby Rush**

**The Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton**

**Panel 2 (1:00 PM): State Actions to Reform Inmate Calling Services Rates** – This panel will focus on issues addressed by states that have undertaken ICS rate reform. In particular, the panel will explore how rates have been set within those states, what the reform process has been, and how existing contracts and site commissions have been taken into account. The panel will also consider concerns that have arisen with disability-related calling and how states are addressing those challenges.

**Afternoon Remarks (2:30 PM): Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel**

**Panel 3 (2:40 PM): Providing Inmate Calling Services** – This panel will consider how ICS is evolving to drive efficiencies while providing service responsive to the unique needs of correctional facilities. This panel will explore the costs of providing service, including costs that may apply individually or be shared among facilities as well as how costs vary across type and size of correctional facilities.

Times listed above are tentative and additional details concerning the workshop agenda program 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, D.C. 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](http://www.fcc.gov/live) on the day of the event. Viewers may submit questions by e-mail to [livequestions@fcc.gov](mailto:livequestions@fcc.gov).

**Website** -Updates to the workshop agenda will be available on the workshop’s Website at <http://www.fcc.gov/events/workshop-reforming-inmate-calling-services-rates>

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. In addition, please include a way the FCC can contact you if it needs more information. Please allow as much advance notice 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, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 27 FCC Rcd 16629-30 (2012), 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.

For additional information about the Workshop, please contact Gregory Haledjian of the Wireline Competition Bureau, at (202) 418-7440 or [gregory.haledjian@fcc.gov](mailto:gregory.haledjian@fcc.gov). For media inquiries, contact Mark Wigfield, 202-418-0253, or <mark.wigfield@fcc.gov>.

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