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AGENDA RELEASED FOR FCC'S FEBRUARY 27 RICHMOND FIELD HEARING ON BROADCAST OWNERSHIP

This Public Notice is to announce the agenda for the previously announced field hearing regarding the FCC's broadcast ownership rules and policies. (*see* Public Notice dated January 23, 2003 (DA-03-175.)) Specifically, the hearing is scheduled as follows:

Date/Time: Thursday, February 27, 2003
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Location: Greater Richmond Convention Center
403 N. Third Street
Ballroom Building, Level 1, Meeting Room 15AB,
Richmond, Virginia 23219

The Commission is in the process of a comprehensive reexamination of its broadcast ownership rules (*see* MB Docket No. 02-277) to ensure that they reflect the current media marketplace, are based on empirical evidence, and are analytically consistent.

The hearing will be organized into three panels, each of which will focus on one of the FCC's key policy goals of broadcast regulation – diversity, competition and localism. The panel members were selected with the goal of making the panels balanced and informative, and include representatives from consumer groups, industry and leading academic institutions. After each panel, there will be an opportunity for any member of the general public to make comments during “open microphone” sessions. The agenda containing a list of panelists is attached.

Thomas Krattenmaker will moderate the hearing. Mr. Krattenmaker is currently Senior Counsel in the Washington office of the law firm Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo PC, where he specializes in telecommunications transactions and antitrust issues. Before joining the firm, he was Director of Research in the FCC's Office of Plans and Policy under Chairman William Kennard. He has taught and written extensively on constitutional law, antitrust law and communications law, policy and regulation in positions at Georgetown University, the College of William and Mary, the University of Connecticut and the University of Natal in South Africa.

A live audiocast of the hearing will be available through the FCC's Web site at www.fcc.gov on a first-come, first-served basis. In addition, the transcript will be available on the FCC Web site within 14 business days of the hearing. The transcript will be a part of the record in the broadcast ownership rulemaking proceeding.

Attendance at this field hearing is open to the public. Seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Requests for reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities should be made by sending an e-mail to: fcc504@fcc.gov. Include a description of the accommodation you will need including as much detail as you can. Also include a way we can contact you if we need more information. Make your request as early as possible; please allow at least 5 days advance notice. Last minute requests will be accepted, but may be impossible to fill. Contact the following Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau staff: for sign language interpreters, CART, and other reasonable accommodations, contact Helen Chang, 202-418-0424 (voice), 202-418-0432 (TTY), hchang@fcc.gov; for accessible format materials (braille, large print, electronic files, and audio format) contact Brian Millin, 202-418-7426 (voice), 202-418-7365 (TTY), bmillin@fcc.gov.

Interested members of the public may also participate in this proceeding by filing comments electronically using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) and ECFS Express at www.fcc.gov.

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