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DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT OF DATE, TIME AND AGENDA OF NEXT MEETING

By this Public Notice, the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC” or “Commission”) announces the next meeting date, time and agenda of its Disability Advisory Committee (“DAC” or “Committee”).

MEETING DATE, TIME AND AGENDA

The next meeting of the Committee will take place on Tuesday, December 6, from 9:00 a.m. to approximately 3:30 p.m. Eastern Time, at the FCC’s headquarters, Room TW-C305 (Commission Meeting Room), 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20554. The meeting will be open to the public and webcast with open captioning at www.fcc.gov/live. Notice of this meeting will be published in the *Federal Register*.

PURPOSE AND FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee was established in December 2014 to make recommendations to the Commission on a wide array of disability matters within the jurisdiction of the Commission, and to facilitate the participation of people with disabilities in proceedings before the Commission. The Committee is organized under, and operated in accordance with, the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA).¹ The Committee held its first meeting on March 17, 2015, and its most recent meeting on September 22, 2016. This meeting on December 6, 2016 will be the final meeting of the Committee’s first term.

As authorized by FACA, the Committee has established subcommittees, and the Commission has invited additional individuals and organizations who are not members of the full Committee to participate on these subcommittees. Subcommittees have been established to consider the following five issues:

- Communications Subcommittee: access to communications services and equipment (including advanced communications, telecommunications, and hearing aid compatibility);
- Emergency Communications Subcommittee: Next Generation 911 and emergency alerting (Emergency Alerting System (EAS) and Wireless Alert (WEA));

¹ 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

- Relay/Equipment Distribution Subcommittee: telecommunications relay services and the National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution Program;
- Technology Transitions Subcommittee: issues relating to technology transitions underway in our nation's communication networks, such as the transition from services running on copper to new, all-Internet Protocol (IP) multimedia networks; and
- Video Programming Subcommittee: video programming access (including closed captioning, video description, access to video programming apparatus, and access to televised emergency information).

At its December 6, 2016 meeting, the Committee is expected to receive and consider reports and recommendations from its subcommittees, which may include:

- A report on the activities of its Communications Subcommittee;
- A report on the activities of its Emergency Communications Subcommittee;
- A report and recommendations from its Relay & Equipment Distribution Subcommittee regarding:
 - videomail-to-text services for Video Relay Services consumers who are Deaf-Blind;
 - mobile device support for USB connectivity to Braille displays;
 - best practices for the development and testing of Augmentative-Alternative Communication (AAC) devices;
 - the portability of ten-digit telephone numbers and associated features from one IP-enabled relay provider to another;
- A report and recommendation from its Technology Transitions Subcommittee regarding the accessibility of the Internet of Things; and
- A report and recommendation from its Video Programming Subcommittee on video description services.

The Committee will also receive presentations from Commission staff on recent activities, and expects to receive a presentation on the future of television from Committee members. In addition, a reserved amount of time will be available on the agenda for comments and inquiries from the public. The public may comment or ask questions of presenters via email: livequestions@fcc.gov. These comments or questions will be addressed during the public comment period.

ACCESSIBILITY AND ACCOMMODATIONS

The meeting site is fully accessible to people using wheelchairs or other mobility aids. Sign language interpreters, open captioning, and assistive listening devices will be provided on site. Other reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. If making a request for an accommodation, please include a description of the accommodation you will need and tell us how to contact you if we need more information. Make your request as early as possible by sending an e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov or calling the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (TTY). **Last minute requests will be accepted, but may be impossible to fill.** The meeting will be webcast with open captioning at www.fcc.gov/live.

ACCESSIBLE FORMATS

To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), please send an e-mail 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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