



# PUBLIC NOTICE

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## **FCC ANNOUNCES SPEAKERS FOR**

**FEBRUARY 17, 2005**

## **TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES PRIORITY SUMMIT**

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) will hold a half-day summit highlighting the Telecommunications Service Priority (TSP) program on Thursday, February 17, 2005, at the FCC's Washington, D.C. headquarters, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The agenda, including topics and speakers, is appended to this Public Notice.

The TSP Program, established by FCC rules and implemented by the National Communications System, ensures that the telecommunications services most necessary to promote the nation's security and emergency preparedness functions are given priority by telecommunications carriers and, therefore, are provisioned or restored before all others in times of disaster. Telecommunications circuits serving federal, state, tribal and local government agencies (like 911 call centers), as well as private firms, can be covered by the priority program, provided that they are essential for national security or emergency preparedness functions. TSP registration for critical telecommunications service must take place before a service outage occurs.

Opening remarks will be provided by FCC Chairman Michael Powell and Commissioner Connie Hughes of New Jersey, Chair of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners' (NARUC) Ad Hoc Committee on Critical Infrastructure. Panel discussions will focus on the importance of the TSP program for emergency services and how the TSP program can be improved.

### **Facilities**

The FCC is located at 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. Directions and a map of the streets near the FCC are available at <http://www.fcc.gov/portalsmap.html>. The Commission Meeting Room is equipped with a Wi-Fi Internet network, an assistive listening device system, and is accessible to persons with disabilities.

### **Attendance**

The meeting is open to the public. The Commission Meeting Room will be opened early to facilitate access to the building. To expedite security clearance into the building, persons who plan to attend and who do not already have a "frequent visitor" badge are encouraged to notify Commission staff in advance. If you plan to

attend, please send an e-mail to Tim Peterson at [timothy.peterson@fcc.gov](mailto:timothy.peterson@fcc.gov). Additionally, attendees are encouraged to allocate additional time to enter the building and complete security procedures.

### **Webcast & Video**

The TSP Summit will be webcast live and also archived for later viewing. Access to and additional information concerning the webcast is available at <http://www.fcc.gov/realaudio/>. Open captioning will be provided for the webcast.

### **Reasonable Accommodation**

Open captioning and sign language interpreters will be provided for this event. Other reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. 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. Last minute requests will be accepted, but may not be possible to fill. Send an e-mail to [fcc504@fcc.gov](mailto:fcc504@fcc.gov) or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau: For reasonable accommodations: 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (TTY). For accessible format materials (Braille, large print, electronic files, and audio format): 202-418-0531 (voice), 202-418-7365 (TTY).

### **More Information**

For more information about the TSP Summit, please contact Tim Peterson at 202-418-1575 (voice) or [timothy.peterson@fcc.gov](mailto:timothy.peterson@fcc.gov) (E-mail).

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**Federal Communications Commission  
Telecommunications Services Priority Summit**

*February 17, 2005  
Commission Headquarters, Washington, DC*

**AGENDA**

**9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**

**Opening Remarks**

- The Honorable Michael K. Powell  
Chairman, Federal Communications Commission
- The Honorable Connie O. Hughes  
Commissioner, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
- Edmond J. Thomas  
Chief, Office of Engineering and Technology

**10:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.**

**Panel I: Why Is TSP Critical for Emergency Services?**

***Moderator: Kenneth P. Moran, Director, Defense and Security, FCC's Office of Engineering and Technology***

- Lt. Col. Joanne Sechrest  
Chief, Priority Telecommunications Branch  
National Communications System
- Ken Buckley  
Associate Director, Reserve Bank Operations and Payment Systems  
Federal Reserve Board
- Cristin Flynn Goodwin  
Director, Homeland Security and Strategic Policy  
BellSouth
- Nancy Pollock  
Metropolitan 911 Board & Association of Public-Safety Communications  
Officials

**10:50 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

**Break**

**11:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.**

**Panel II: How Can the TSP Program Be Improved?**

***Moderator: Connie O. Hughes, New Jersey Board of Public Utilities***

- The Honorable Denise Bode  
Commissioner, Oklahoma Corporation Commission (*Invited*)

- Roger Hixson  
Technical Issues Director  
National Emergency Number Association

SBC  
(*Invited*)

- Department of Homeland Security  
(*Invited*)

**11:50 p.m. – 12:00 noon**

**Conclusions and Adjournment**