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See *MCI v. FCC*, 515 F.2d 385 (D.C. Cir. 1974).

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## FCC ANNOUNCES TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup> OPEN MEETING

Washington, D.C. -- Today, Federal Communications Commission Chairman Julius Genachowski announced that the following items will be on the tentative agenda for the next open meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 7, 2011:

- **Pole Attachment Report and Order and Order on Reconsideration:** An Order that reforms the Commission's access, rates, and enforcement rules for utility pole attachments, reducing barriers to deployment and availability of broadband and other wireline and wireless services, and promoting competition.
- **Accelerating Broadband Deployment NOI:** A Notice of Inquiry seeking comment on key challenges and best practices in expanding the reach and reducing the cost of broadband deployment, including by improving policies for access to government rights of way and wireless facility siting requirements.
- **Data Roaming Second Report and Order:** A Second Report and Order that adopts a rule requiring facilities-based providers of commercial mobile data services to offer data roaming arrangements to other such providers on commercially reasonable terms and conditions, subject to certain limitations.
- **Signal Boosters Declaratory Ruling, NPRM, and Order:** A Declaratory Ruling, NPRM and Order that helps to fill gaps in wireless coverage and expands broadband in rural and difficult-to-serve areas, while protecting wireless networks from harm.
- **Structure and Practices of Video Relay Service Program:** Report and Order will adopt rules to detect and prevent fraud and abuse in the provision of video relay service ("VRS"). Also, a Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking proposes to require all VRS providers to obtain certification from the FCC under new, tighter certification procedures in order to receive compensation from the TRS Fund.
- **Reliability and Continuity of Communications Networks NOI:** A Notice of Inquiry seeking comment on existing reliability standards for communications networks, including broadband networks, and ways to further strengthen the reliability and continuity of communications networks to avoid disruptions of service during major emergencies, such as large-scale natural and man-made disasters.

Topics selected for FCC open meeting agendas are posted on the Commission's website approximately three weeks prior to the Commission's next monthly meeting. The FCC will also issue a public notice of the "Commission Meeting Agenda" one week before the meeting and announce at that time the items that are scheduled for the agenda.

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