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**FCC ANNOUNCES PANELISTS FOR
PUBLIC *EN BANC* HEARING AT BROOKLYN BOROUGH HALL
ON PUBLIC SAFETY INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS – THE 700 MHZ BAND
PROCEEDING**

EXPERTS FROM PUBLIC SAFETY, 911 COMMISSION, NYC GOVERNMENT, STATE GOVERNMENTS, AND COMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY TO DISCUSS WAYS TO BRING VITALLY IMPORTANT INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS TO AMERICA'S FIRST RESPONDERS

Washington, D.C. – The Federal Communications Commission today announced additional details for the public *en banc* hearing scheduled at the Brooklyn Borough Hall in Brooklyn, New York on Wednesday, July 30, 2008, at 10:30 a.m. (*See* announcement dated July 21, 2008).

As previously announced, the hearing date, time, and location are as follows:

Time: 10:30 a.m. (Eastern Daylight Time)

Location: Brooklyn Borough Hall Hearing Room
209 Joralemon Street
Brooklyn, NY 11201

The Commission will hear from expert panelists regarding public safety interoperable communications and the 700 MHz D Block proceeding. The hearing is open to the public, and seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

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Agenda and list of witnesses follows:

(All Eastern Daylight Time)

10:30 a.m. Welcome/Opening Remarks

11:00 a.m. Panel Discussion 1 – Achieving a Nationwide Interoperable Broadband Network for Public Safety

Panelists:

Salvatore J. Cassano, Chief, New York City Fire Department

Charles F. Dowd, Deputy Chief, Commanding Officer, Communications Division, New York City Police Department

John J. Farmer, Jr., Former Attorney General, New Jersey; Senior Counsel, 9/11 Commission

Robert Gurr, Association of Public Safety Communications Officials-International

Harlin McEwen, Chairman, Public Safety Spectrum Trust Corporation

Steven H. Proctor, Executive Director, Utah Communications Agency Network (UCAN)

12:00 p.m. Panel Discussion 2 – Commercial Considerations of a Shared Public Safety Broadband Network

Panelists:

Stacey Black, Executive Director-Market Development, AT&T, Inc.

Don Brittingham, Assistant Vice President, Public Affairs, Policy and Communication, Verizon Corporation

LeRoy T. Carlson, Jr., Chairman of the Board, United States Cellular Corp.

Larry Krevor, Vice President – Spectrum, Sprint Nextel

Jennifer A. Manner, Chairman, Satellite Industry Association

Stagg Newman, Principal, Pisgah Comm Consulting

1:00 p.m. Break

1:15 p.m. Panel Discussion 3 – Technical Considerations of a Public Safety Broadband Network

Panelists:

William J. Andrle, Jr., Wireless Alliances and Spectrum Strategy, Vice President, Northrop Grumman Information Technology

Paul J. Cosgrave, Commissioner, New York Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications

Leonard Fatica, Alcatel-Lucent

Stu Overby, Senior Director of Global Spectrum Strategy, Motorola

Douglas C. Smith, CEO and President, Ericsson Federal Inc.

Richard Taylor, Senior Principal Engineer, System Design Technology, M/A-Com Wireless Systems Division

2:30 p.m. Adjournment

A live audio cast of the hearing will be available to the public on the FCC's website at: <http://www.fcc.gov/realaudio/> -- you may also go to "FCC Meetings" from the homepage and then click on FCC Audio/Video events to access the audio cast.

Sign language interpreters and open captioning will be provided for this event. Other reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. Include a description of the accommodation needed, and include a way we can contact you if we need more information. Please make your request as early as possible. Last minute requests will be accepted, but may be impossible to fill. You may send an e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (Voice), 202-418-0432 (TTY).

For additional information about the hearing, please visit the FCC's website at <http://www.fcc.gov>.

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