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VIDEO PROGRAMMING ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT OF FEBRUARY 9, 2012 MEETING

Washington, D.C. – On December 7, 2010, Chairman Julius Genachowski announced the establishment of the Video Programming Accessibility Advisory Committee (VPAAC), an advisory committee required by the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010 (CVAA).¹ The next meeting of the VPAAC will be on February 9, 2012. The committee will meet from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at FCC Headquarters located at 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554. The meeting will be open to the public and will be webcast live at <http://www.fcc.gov/live>.

VPAAC MISSION

The purpose of the VPAAC is to develop recommendations on closed captioning of Internet programming previously captioned on television;² the compatibility between video programming delivered using Internet protocol and devices capable of receiving and displaying such programming in order to facilitate access to captioning, video description and emergency information;³ video description and accessible emergency information on television programming delivered using Internet protocols or digital broadcast television;⁴ accessible user interfaces on video programming devices;⁵ and accessible programming guides and menus.

Open captioning and sign language interpreters will be provided. Other reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. To request an accommodation, please include a description of the accommodation needed and how to contact you if we need more information. It is imperative that accommodation requests are made as early as possible. Last minute requests will be accepted but may be impossible to fill. To request an accommodation, please e-mail fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (TTY).

For further information or questions regarding VPAAC, please contact Mikelle Morra, 202-418-7151, Mikelle.Morra@fcc.gov or Solita Griffis, 202-418-1564, Solita.Griffis@fcc.gov.

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¹ Pub. L. No 111-260.

² Section 201 (e) of the Accessibility Act generally lays out the directives for the VPAAC.

³ Pub. L. 111-260, §§ 201(e)(1)(E); 201(e)(2)(E).

⁴ *Id.* at § 201(e)(2)(B),(C).

⁵ *Id.* at § 201(e)(2)(F),(G).