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## QUARTERLY REPORT OF CONSUMER INQUIRIES AND INFORMAL COMPLAINTS FOR FOURTH QUARTER OF CALENDAR YEAR 2012 RELEASED

Washington, DC – The Commission has released its Report of the top subject areas of consumer inquiries and informal complaints received and processed by the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau (CGB) during the fourth quarter of calendar year 2012.

2012 Fourth Quarter Inquiries. During the fourth quarter of 2012, the overall number of inquiries for the top four reported inquiry categories increased by nearly 1% from the number received and processed by CGB during the previous quarter, from 13,074 during the third quarter of 2012, to 13,190, as described below. The number of Cable and Satellite Services inquiries decreased by more than 15%, from 1,661 to 1,400, due to a decrease in inquiries regarding Service, Satellite Television Extension & Localism Act, Over-the-Air Reception Devices, Programming, and Billing and Rates issues. Inquiries regarding Billing and Rates issues constituted more than 34% of the inquiries in this category during the fourth quarter. The number of Radio and Television Broadcasting inquiries decreased by more than 12%, from 2,608 to 2,271, primarily due to a decrease in inquiries concerning Digital Television issues. Wireless Telecommunications inquiries increased by more than 19%, from 1,720 to 2,059, with an increase in the number of inquiries regarding License Information, Tower, and Service issues. Wireline Telecommunications inquiries increased by more than 5%, from 7,085 to 7,460, with Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA) matters constituting more than 58% of the fourth quarter inquiries in this category.

2012 Fourth Quarter Informal Complaints. During the fourth quarter of 2012, the overall number of informal complaints in the top five reported categories increased by more than 4% from those received and processed during the third quarter of 2012, from 75,453 to 78,608. Bundled and VoIP Service-related complaints decreased by more than 9% this quarter, from 1,931 to 1,747. Cable & Satellite Services complaints increased by more than 67%, from 1,675 to 2,799, primarily due to an increase in complaints regarding Programming issues. The number of Radio and Television Broadcasting complaints increased by more than 104%, from 2,714 to 5,544, due to an increase in complaints regarding Programming – General Criticism issues. Wireless Telecommunications complaints increased by nearly 3%, from 29,221 to 30,090, with TCPA-related complaints comprising the bulk of the complaints in this category. Wireline Telecommunications complaints decreased by more than 3%, from 39,912 to 38,428, with

TCPA-Other Issues, Do Not Call List and Unsolicited Faxes constituting the top categories of such complaints. These three subcategories, combined, constituted over 94% of the Wireline complaints in the reported subcategories during the fourth quarter.

The Commission receives many inquiries and informal complaints that do not involve violations of the Communications Act, or a rule, policy or order of the Commission. The existence of a complaint does not necessarily establish wrongdoing by the named company. The fourth quarter Report, as well as previous reports on consumer inquiries and informal complaints, can be viewed at: <http://www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/quarterly-reports-consumer-inquiries-and-complaints>.

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**REPORT OF CONSUMER INQUIRIES AND INFORMAL COMPLAINTS**  
**Fourth Quarter, Calendar Year 2012**  
**Executive Summary**

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<sup>i</sup> The data reported reflect the informal complaints and inquiries recorded in CGB's automated tracking systems during the period from October 1 to December 31, 2012. The information generated for this Report is that entered into the tracking systems on or before those specific dates. In addition, the data referenced in this Report account for statistics at the national level as reported by the Commission and, therefore, are not necessarily indicative of corresponding state or local trends.