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Subject: Message from Chairman Wheeler: Adapting Regulatory Frameworks to 21st Century Networks and Markets

Yesterday, FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler posted a blog (<http://www.fcc.gov/blog/adapting-regulatory-frameworks-21st-century-networks-and-markets>) titled, "Adapting Regulatory Frameworks to 21st Century Networks and Markets."

In his blog, FCC Chairman Wheeler announces four items on the agenda for the January open Commission meeting. Two of the items mentioned by the Chairman reference people with disabilities: first, a proposal for a series of experiments utilizing all-IP networks that "will allow the networks, their users, the FCC and the public to assess the impact and potential of all-IP networks on consumers, customers and businesses in all parts of our country, including rural America, and all populations, including people with disabilities," and second, a Policy Statement on the Commission's expectations with respect to text-to-911. The Chairman notes that "texting has become the principle means by which many people with disabilities communicate."