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FCC LOCALISM TASK FORCE ANNOUNCES DATE OF RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA HEARING

RM-10803

Washington, D.C. – The Federal Communications Commission’s Localism Task Force today announced that its next broadcast localism hearing will be held in Rapid City, South Dakota, on May 26, 2004. Further details regarding the Rapid City hearing will be released as they become available.

Scheduling conflicts and logistical difficulties required the Task Force to change its original timeframe for the remaining localism hearings. Dates for the California, Maine and Washington, D.C. hearings will be announced as they are established.

Although the Localism Task Force is an internal FCC organization, it seeks participation by members of the public, broadcasters, civic organizations, academics, local governments, and any other interested individuals or institutions as it conducts its review of broadcast localism. To facilitate public input, the Task Force has established a filing number (RM-10803) for submission of comments or other information via the FCC’s Electronic Comment Filing System. Instructions for submitting comments are attached and are also available at www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs. For additional information concerning the Task Force visit the Task Force’s web site at <http://www.fcc.gov/localism>, or contact the Task Force directly at (202) 418-7777, or at localism@fcc.gov.

The meeting site will be accessible to people using wheelchairs or other mobility aids. Meeting agendas and handouts will be provided in accessible formats. Sign language interpreters, open captioning, and assistive listening devices will be provided on site.

Requests for other reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities should be made as early as possible. Please provide at least five days’ advance notice. Requests should include a description of the accommodation needed and should provide as much detail as possible, including contact information should additional information regarding an accommodation request be required. Last-minute requests will be accepted, but may be impossible to fill. To make a request for accommodation, send an e-mail to: fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice) or 202-418-0432 (TTY). This News Release can be downloaded in Text and ASCII formats at: <http://www.fcc.gov/mb> or <http://www.fcc.gov/localism>.

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