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AGENDA RELEASED FOR FCC'S OCTOBER 22nd CHARLOTTE FIELD HEARING ON BROADCAST LOCALISM

This Public Notice is to announce the agenda for the previously announced field hearing regarding broadcast localism. (See Public Notices dated October 15, 2003, DA 03-3226 and October 20, 2003, DA 03-3311.) Specifically, the hearing is scheduled as follows:

Date/Time: Wednesday, October 22, 2003
5:30 PM – 8:45 PM
Location: Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Meeting Chamber
600 East Fourth Street
Charlotte, North Carolina

Chairman Powell will preside along with Commissioners Abernathy, Copps and Adelstein.

The purpose of the hearing is to gather information from consumers, industry, civic organizations, and others on broadcasters' service to their local communities. An important focus of the hearing will be to gather information and to conduct outreach for the nationwide round of broadcast station license renewals that is just beginning. The panel members were selected with the goal of making the panels balanced and informative, and include representatives from consumer and advocacy groups, the creative community, and commercial and noncommercial broadcasters. The program has been designed to permit members of the public to participate via an open microphone and also by submitting written questions at the hearing. The agenda containing a list of panelists is attached.

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For additional information about the hearing or the Localism Task Force, please visit the Task Force's website at <http://www.fcc.gov/localism>, or contact the Task Force directly at 202-418-7777, or at localism@fcc.gov. Press inquiries should be directed to Michelle Russo, at 202-418-2358, or Meribeth McCarrick, at 202-418-0654.

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**BROADCAST LOCALISM PUBLIC HEARING
Charlotte, North Carolina**

October 22, 2003

Agenda

5:30-5:45 **Opening remarks**

5:45-6:30 **Panel 1**

Jim Keelor
President & COO, Liberty Corporation
Licensee of Television Stations in Columbia, South Carolina
and Wilmington, North Carolina

Debbie Kwei
General Manager, WCHH-FM (Radio One)
Harrisburg, North Carolina

Tift Merritt
Singer/Songwriter

Joan Siefert Rose
General Manager, WUNC-FM (Noncommercial) (University of North Carolina)
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Commissioner and Audience Questions

6:30-7:35 **Open Microphone**

7:35-7:50 **Break**

7:50-8:40 **Panel 2**

Terri Avery
Operations Manager/Program Director, WBAV-FM (Viacom /Infinity)
Gastonia, North Carolina

Jim Goodmon,
President and CEO
Capitol Broadcasting Company
Licensee of Television Stations in Charlotte, Raleigh and Wilmington, North
Carolina and a Radio Station in Raleigh, North Carolina

Mary Klenz
President, North Carolina League of Women Voters

John Rustin
Director, Government Relations
North Carolina Family Policy Council

Michael Ward
General Manager, WNCN-TV (NBC Owned and Operated)
Goldsboro, North Carolina

Commissioner and Audience Questions

8:40-8:45

Closing remarks