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FCC'S LOCALISM TASK FORCE ANNOUNCES DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON BROADCAST LOCALISM IN RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA

The Localism Task Force of the Federal Communications Commission announces the date, time, and location for its Rapid City field hearing regarding broadcast localism. (*See Press Release dated March 5, 2004.*) Chairman Michael K. Powell, Commissioner Michael J. Copps, and Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein will preside. The hearing date, time, and location are as follows:

Date/Time: **Wednesday, May 26, 2004**
 5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Location: **Surbeck Student Center Ballroom**
 South Dakota School of Mines and Technology
 501 East Saint Joseph Street
 Rapid City, South Dakota

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 ongoing nationwide round of broadcast station license renewals. The designated speakers will include representatives from consumer and advocacy groups as well as broadcasters. The hearing format will enable members of the public to participate via an "open microphone" session. Additional details regarding the designated speakers, agenda, and hearing format will be announced shortly.

Open captioning will be provided for this event. Other reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. Requests should include a description of the accommodation needed, providing as much detail as possible, as well as contact information, should additional information be needed. Please make requests as early as possible. All requests will be accepted and every effort will be made to fulfill them, although timing considerations may make that impossible in some cases. Send requests via e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov, or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau:

For sign language interpreters, CART, and other reasonable accommodations: 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (TTY).

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A live audiocast of the hearing will be available at the FCC's website at www.fcc.gov on a first-come, first-served basis. In addition, the hearing will be recorded, and the recording will be made available to the public. The public may also file comments or other documents with the Commission and should reference RM-10803. Filing instructions are provided at http://www.fcc.gov/localism/filing_instructions.doc.

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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