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### TUESDAY MORNING - MAY 13, 2008

Presiding Officer:

Robin A. Casey,

Casey, Gentz & Magness, LLP, Austin, TX

8:00 a.m.

**Registration Opens** 

Includes continental breakfast.

8:50 a.m.

**Welcoming Remarks** 

9:00 a.m.

1.00 hr

#### Entering the Era of Everything Over Broadband

The triple play of voice, Internet, and video is being eclipsed by the arrival of ubiquitous broadband networks and the growing reality of Everything Over Broadband (EoB); that is, services of every kind being supported by a single IP-based broadband network. In the EoB space, there is an amalgam of transport facilities, customer premise equipment, applications software, and content that enable both existing triple play services and a dazzling array of new ones. This session will explore the players and their strategies, status, and prospects in each component of the EoB space.

Stanley L. Kroder, Ph.D., University of Dallas College of Business, Irving, TX

Robert A. Mercer, Ph.D., BroadView Telecommunications, Boulder, CO

10:00 a.m.

1.00 hr

#### Legal Issues Facing Cable and Video Providers from the Perspective of Incumbents and New Entrants

A discussion and analysis of key legal issues facing cable and video providers, and the business and technology developments driving these issues.

Moderator: Kathleen M. LaValle, Jackson Walker L.L.P., Dallas, TX

Todd A. Baxter, Texas Cable Association, Austin, TX

Andrew Kever, Winstead PC, Austin, TX Keith M. Krom, AT&T, San Antonio, TX Mike Nilsson, Harris, Wiltshire & Grannis LLP, Washington, DC

11:00 a.m. Break

11:15 a.m.

1.00 hr

## Regulatory and Policy Issues Facing Voice and Broadband Providers

A discussion and analysis of key regulatory and policy issues facing the voice and broadband providers, and the business and technology developments driving these issues.

Moderator: Dineen J. Majcher, Smith & Majcher, L.L.P., Austin, TX

Michael Altschul, CTIA, Washington, DC Katherine D. Farroba, Verizon, Washington, DC

Julie P. Laine, Time Warner Cable Inc., Stamford, CT

#### TUESDAY AFTERNOON

#### **Presiding Officer:**

Stanley L. Kroder, Ph.D., University of Dallas College of Business, Irving TX

#### KEYNOTE LUNCHEON PRESENTATION

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12:15 p.m. Pick up Box Lunch

Included in conference registration fee.

12:30 p.m.

.75 hr

#### The Law and Economics of Network Neutrality

"Network neutrality" is the shorthand for a proposed regime of regulating the management of traffic over wireline and wireless networks used to access the Internet. Evaluating the benefits and costs of such proposed regulation, or of the use of antitrust to address this issue, requires understanding how the market for Internet content and applications exhibits "two-sided" demand among both subscribers and advertisers. Network operators principally rely on subscriber revenue, whereas suppliers of Internet content and applications principally rely on advertising revenue. This difference is essential to understanding not only the economic interests that motivate the various players in the market, but also the likely consequences of various proposals for legislation, regulation, or antitrust intervention.

J. Greg Sidak, Founder, Criterion Economics LLC, and former Deputy General Counsel, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC

1:15 p.m.

Break

1:30 p.m.

1.00 hr ethics

#### What Social Science Teaches about Policies, Procedures, and Ethical Behavior

A discussion of what social science research has discovered regarding what actually makes people behave in an ethical manner, and thus what policies and procedures are useful, in any business or profession, in promoting ethical behavior.

William J. Chriss, Texas Center for Legal Ethics and Professionalism, Austin, TX

2:30 p.m.

.50 hr

#### Privacy Issues in the Telecom Sector

An overview of the FCC's new CPNI rules as well as a preview of telecom privacy issues being explored by the Federal Trade Commission.

Susan J. Berlin, NuVox Communications, Greenville, SC

3:00 p.m.

Break

3:15 p.m.

1.00 hr

#### Convergence: Policy and Legal Issues

Consumers are now receiving movies, television shows, and videos from the Internet, iTunes, Google, peer-to-peer networks, and other non-traditional sources of entertainment. Panelists will discuss how the legal and technical distinctions between broadband/network providers and content providers is being eliminated in favor of the convergence of network and content.

Moderator: Robin A. Casey, Casey, Gentz & Magness, LLP, Austin, TX

Jonathan Askin, Askin Consulting and Brooklyn Law School, Brooklyn, NY

Jason Oxman, Consumer Electronics Association, Arlington, VA

Richard S. Whitt, Google, Washington, DC

4:15 p.m.

1.25 hr

## Winners, Losers and Investments in the Telecom Sector

This session will discuss how the emerging policy and economic landscape as well as changing business models are shaping investments and economic decisions in the telecommunications sector.

John Hodulik, UBS Securities, New York, NY Blair Levin, Stifel Nicolaus, Washington, DC

5:30 p.m.

Adjourn to Reception

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#### WEDNESDAY MORNING - MAY 14, 2008

#### **Presiding Officer:**

Rebecca A. Klein, Tuggey Rosenthal Pauerstein Sandoloski Agather LLP, Austin, TX

9:00 a.m.

.50 hr

#### Case Law Update

Learn about recent state and federal cases that impact the communications industry.

Bradford W. Bayliff, Casey, Gentz & Magness, LLP, Austin, TX

9:30 a.m.

.50 hr

#### 9-1-1

The panelists will discuss how technological developments, changing business models, and consumer expectations impact, challenge, and present opportunities for 9-1-1 communications and regulations at the federal, state, and local levels.

Moderator: Michael J. Tomsu, Vinson & Elkins L.L.P., Austin, TX

Richard Muscat, Bexar Metro 911 Network District, Austin, TX

Patrick Tyler, Commission on State Emergency Communications, Austin, TX

10:00 a.m.

.50 hr

#### Fees and Taxes—Don't You Just Love 'Em?

A roadmap and complete listing of fees and taxes paid by telecom providers: who pays them, what are the controversial issues, and where do the fees go?

Gilbert J. Bernal Jr., Stahl, Bernal & Davies, Austin, TX

10:30 a.m.

Break

10:45 a.m.

1.00 hr

#### State Universal Service Issues

Two USF experts respond to tough questions about the USF policy issues. A unique "point-counterpoint" presentation.

Moderator: Bill Peacock, Texas Public Policy Foundation, Austin, TX

Kristie Ince, Time Warner Telecom, Plano, TX

Thomas C. Pelto, AT&T, Austin, TX

11:45 a.m.

.75 hr

#### View from the PUC

Commissioner Paul Hudson, Public Utility Commission of Texas, Austin, TX

12:30 p.m.

Adjourn

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> May 7, 2008-5 p.m. last day for full refund

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> May 13, 2008-9 a.m. Conference begins

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