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FCC TO BE OPEN LABOR DAY WEEKEND IN RESPONSE TO HURRICANE KATRINA RELIEF AND RESTORATION EFFORTS

Washington - The FCC today announced that FCC offices providing emergency telecommunications service authorizations will be open on Saturday, Sunday and Monday of the upcoming Labor Day weekend to facilitate relief and reconstruction efforts by telecommunications providers affected by the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina.

The FCC this week has already granted numerous special temporary authorization (STA) notices to help broadcast, wireless, wireline and satellite providers initiate emergency procedures and use emergency frequencies and facilities to resume operations.

During the three-day weekend, providers needing emergency STA authorizations, or needing to consult FCC bureaus and offices about their recovery efforts, can reach FCC personnel between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM at the following numbers:

Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau: (toll free) 888-225-5322

Enforcement Bureau: (202) 418-7450

International Bureau (for satellite issues): (202) 418-2368

Media Bureau: (202) 418-2180

Office of Engineering and Technology: (202) 418-2470, or email at oetsta@fcc.gov

Wireline Competition Bureau: (202) 418-0696

Wireless Telecommunications Bureau: (202) 418-0600

In addition, during evening hours, telecommunications providers needing FCC emergency assistance or STA's can call the FCC's Communications Center, which is open 24 hours a day, at (202) 418-1122

For a list of all FCC Public Notices and Press Releases relating to Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts and extensions of FCC filing dates for regulatory fees and various regulatory proceedings, and for other hurricane recovery related information, go to the FCC's website, www.fcc.gov, and click on the "Hurricane Katrina Emergency Information" box at the top of the homepage.