

**STATE COMMISSIONERS' SYMPOSIUM ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS POLICY
DRAFT AGENDA (1/6/00)**

The State Commissioners' Symposium is designed to stimulate discussion about some of the "big picture" issues in telecommunications regulation today. The goal is simply the exchange of ideas—discussions are off-the-record and no final report is planned. Each session will consist of a plenary group discussion, followed by smaller working group consideration of the plenary session topics. Each session ends with working group reports back to the larger group.

Sunday, January 23

6:00 - 7:00pm Reception at L'Auberge Del Mar

7:00 - 9:30 Dinner at L'Auberge Del Mar
Introductions and Informal Discussion

Monday, January 24

8:00 - 8:30 Continental Breakfast

Session 1: Status of Local Competition and State Regulatory Policies

8:30 - 9:45 ***Issues for Plenary Session:*** After a slow start, local exchange competition appears to be taking hold, at least in some markets. Given almost four years' experience with the Telecommunications Act of 1996, what barriers to competition remain and how can they be removed? Which state regulatory policies appear to be successful in stimulating local competition?

Discussion leaders: To be announced

9:45 - 10:00 Break

10:00 - 11:30 Working group discussions; develop findings and recommendations.

11:30 - 12:00 Reconvene and share reports.

12:00 - 1:30 Lunch
Remarks by Anna Maria Kovacs of Janney Montgomery Scott: "The View from the Street."

Session 2: Technology and Public Policy

1:45 -2:45 *Issues for Plenary Session:* Technology is driving more than the NASDAQ average: it is changing the way we communicate. What are the most important recent developments in communications technology? How do these changes shape what regulators can and should do?

Discussion leaders: To be announced

2:45 - 3:00 Break

3:00 - 4:15 Working group discussions; findings and recommendations.

4:15 - 4:45 Reconvene and share reports. Recess symposium.

7:00 Dinner at Pacifica Del Mar restaurant

Tuesday, January 25

8:00 - 8:30 Continental Breakfast

Session 3: Long Term Future of Telecommunications Regulation

8:30 - 9:45 *Issues for Plenary Session:* It is commonly said that telecommunications regulation is in “transition.” But transition to where? The current debate over broadband “open access” places this question squarely before policy makers. Do we expect “common carrier” requirements to persist? Will telecommunications eventually be viewed differently than any other competitive industry?

Discussion leaders: To be announced

9:45 - 10:00 Break

10:00 - 11:30 Working group discussions; develop findings and recommendations.

11:30 - 12:00 Reconvene and share reports. Concluding remarks and adjournment.

12:00 Box lunches will be provided