

KCC Roundtable – Broadband and Telecommunications on the Cusp



Presented by the **Kansas Corporation Commission**
for legislators, policy makers, the telecommunications industry, lenders and interested parties.

Friday, March 4, 2011 and Friday, March 11, 2011 • 9:00 am - 12:30 pm
Kansas Association of School Boards (KASB) • 1420 SW Arrowhead Road, Topeka, KS 66604

Background

On February 9, 2011 the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) approved and issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM). The NPRM combines nine open FCC dockets from the National Broadband Plan (NBP) to reforming the Federal Universal Service Fund (FUSF) to a complete restructure of Intercarrier Compensation.

The immediate challenge is that while the public in general (and State Regulatory Commissions in particular) are invited to provide written comments regarding the FCC proposals, only a 30-day period is allowed.

As industry experts, regulators, legislators and community representatives, we face a number of immediate and significant challenges: 1) to understand what the new FUSF regime will be and under it, who in Kansas will be eligible for funding; 2) determine what impact bringing broadband into telecom as a supported service will have on our Kansas system; 3) analyze what the new intercarrier compensation structure will be and how that will impact wire line service and Kansas carriers; 4) determine what will happen to the Kansas Universal Service Fund and what recommended changes will be necessary to protect Kansas customers and the Kansas telecom system.

Session I March 4

Robert Loube, Ph.D., Vice President, Rolka Loube Saltzer Associates, formerly of the FCC

Peter Bluhm, Consultant, Rolka Loube Saltzer Associates

Rolka Loube Saltzer Associates' expertise includes administering state and federal universal services funds, providing expert testimony on behalf of public agencies and drafting orders in regulatory proceedings.

Nationally recognized experts Loube and Bluhm will be onsite to present information regarding our current system and the system as now proposed in the NBP and the FCC NPRM, as well as how these proposed changes will impact Kansas. The KCC will also ask for input from policymakers and industry attendees to help formulate the items for discussion in Session II.

Session II March 11

The KCC and attendees will collaborate and provide information useful for identifying and informing comments for submission to the FCC.

Register by Noon March 2nd

Brenda Schirmer • (785) 271-3220 • b.schirmer@kcc.ks.gov