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MEMORANDUM

TO: Commission Members

FROM:  Lynnisse Roehrich-Patrick
Executive Director

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SUBJECT: Broadband Internet Deployment, Availability, and Adoption in Tennessee—Panel Discussion of Federal, State, and Local Regulatory Landscape

Continuing the collection and review of information for the study on broadband internet deployment, availability, and adoption in Tennessee, you will hear from a panel of experts discussing the regulatory landscape for broadband internet service, which includes factors that affect the ability of providers to deploy service. There will be two panels, one representing providers and the other government agencies.

On behalf of broadband providers:

- Henry Walker, attorney, Bradley, Arant, Boult, Cummings
- Mark Smith, attorney, Miller and Martin
- Steve Nicley, president, Tennessee Wireless Association
- Bruce Mottern, state government affairs manager, TDS
- Joelle Phillips, president, AT&T, Tennessee
- Andy Macke, vice president, external affairs, Comcast Cable Communications, Inc.
- J. Richard Lodge, corporate counsel, Tennessee Electric Cooperative Association

On behalf of government agencies:

- David Foster, utilities chief, Tennessee Regulatory Authority
- John Hutton, telecom consultant, Tennessee Regulatory Authority

- Ron Queen, manager of local finance, Office of State and Local Finance, Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury
- Jean Suh, contract audit review manager, Division of Local Government Audit, Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury
- Gary Harris, director, Office of State Assessed Properties, Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury
- Sherry Hathaway, tax policy and development manager, Tennessee Department of Revenue
- Gary Jaeckel, municipal management consultant, Municipal Technical Advisory Service
- County Technical Assistance Service
- Tennessee Valley Authority

Representatives for both the Tennessee Valley Authority and County Technical Assistance Service were invited to serve on the government agencies panel but were unable to attend because of scheduling conflicts.