CONFERENCE AGENDA:

CONFERENCE THEME:  How Do We Go From “One” to “Many”?  What Do We Need to Do to Create a Vibrant Wholesale Market for “Last Mile” Local Access?

7:30–8:00  Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:00–8:30  Introduction
    Lawrence J. Spiwak – President, Phoenix Center
8:30 – 10:00 Panel 1:  Structural Problems and Firms’ Observed Conduct: Economic Prescriptions for Future Growth
    Moderator:  Jerry B. Duvall, Phoenix Center Chief Economist Emeritus; Chief Economist, FCC Mass Media Bureau
    Panelists:
    • Robert Blau, Vice President, Executive and Federal Regulatory Affairs, BellSouth
    • Simon Wilkie, Chief Economist, Federal Communications Commission
    • Mike Pelcovits, Principal, MiCRA and former Chief Economist, MCIWorldCom
    • John Mayo, Dean, McDonough School of Business, Georgetown University
    • George Ford, Phoenix Center Adjunct Fellow; Chief Economist, Z-Tel Communications

10:00–10:15 Coffee Break
10:15–11:30 Panel 2: Players’ Perspectives – Is “Inter Modal” Competition a Myth or Reality?
    Moderator:  Kent Nilsson, Phoenix Center Adjunct Fellow; Special Counsel and Deputy Chief, FCC Network Technology Division
    Panelists:
    • Hon. Gregory L. Rohde – e-Copernicus.com; former Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information and Administrator of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)
    • Jessica Zufolo – Legislative Director, National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC)
    • J. Scott Marcus, Senior Advisor for Internet Technology, Federal Communications Commission
    • Thomas M. Koutsky, Phoenix Center Adjunct Fellow; Vice President for Law and Policy, Z-Tel Communications

11:30–11:45 Coffee Break
11:45–1:00 Panel 3: Lessons Learned From the States
    (Press and Participant Note: NARUC will be announcing a major advocacy initiative at this panel)
    Moderator:  Lawrence J. Spiwak – President, Phoenix Center
    Panelists:
    • Hon. Rebecca Klein, Chairman – Texas Public Utility Commission
    • Hon. Robert B. Nelson, Commissioner – Michigan Public Service Commission
    • Hon. Marilyn Shewalter, Chairwoman – Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
    • Hon. Elliot Smith, Member – Iowa Utilities Board

1:00-1:30 Respective Press Announcements from NARUC and NASUCA
    • Hon. David Svanda, President of NARUC
    • Charlie Acquard, Executive Director, NASUCA

1:30–2:30 Lunch & Award Ceremony
    • Keynote Speaker & Ducwall Public Service Award Recipient:  Senator Byron L. Dorgan

2:45–4:15 Panel 4: Public Policy in the “Telecoms Twilight Zone”: Life in Washington after the Verizon, USTA and CompTel Decisions
    Moderator:  Lawrence J. Spiwak – President, Phoenix Center
    Panelists:
    • Jon Canis, Partner, Kelley Drye and Warren
    • Hon. Harold Furchtgott-Roth, Visiting Fellow, American Enterprise Institute; former Commissioner, FCC
    • Hon. Tom Tauke, Senior Vice President – Public Policy and External Affairs, Verizon Communications
    • Christopher Wright, Partner, Harris Wiltshire and Grannis; former General Counsel, FCC

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