

## 2006 Current Fiscal Year Report: FCC's Independent Panel Reviewing Impact of Hurricane Katrina on Communications Networks

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| <b>1. Department or Agency</b>   | <b>2. Fiscal Year</b>        |
| Federal Communications Commission  | 2006                         |
| <b>3. Committee or Subcommittee</b>  | <b>3b. GSA Committee No.</b> |
| FCC's Independent Panel Reviewing Impact of Hurricane Katrina on Communications Networks | 28021                        |

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|---|---------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?</b> | <b>5. Current Charter</b> | <b>6. Expected Renewal Date</b> | <b>7. Expected Term Date</b> |
| Yes                                       | 01/09/2006                |                                 | 06/15/2006                   |

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|---|--|-----------------------------|
| <b>8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?</b> | <b>8b. Specific Termination Authority</b>      | <b>8c. Actual Term Date</b> |
| Yes   | Per Completion of Final Report (June 12, 2006) | 06/15/2006                  |

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|--|---|----------------------------------|
| <b>9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year</b> | <b>10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?</b> | <b>10b. Legislation Pending?</b> |
| Terminate  | No  |                                  |

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|------------------------------------|------------------|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>11. Establishment Authority</b> | Agency Authority | <b>12. Specific Establishment Authority</b> | <b>13. Effective Date</b> | <b>14. Committee Type</b> | <b>14c. Presidential?</b> |
|                                    |                  | Per directive from Office of Chairman       | 09/15/2005                | Ad hoc                    | No                        |

**15. Description of Committee** Other Committee

|                                     |                                       |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>16a. Total Number of Reports</b> | 1                                     |
| <b>16b. Report Date</b>             | <b>Report Title</b>                   |
| 06/12/2006                          | Report and Recommendations to the FCC |

**Number of Committee Reports Listed: 1**

**17a. Open 5 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 5**

### Meetings and Dates

| Purpose  | Start      | End        |
|--|------------|------------|
| To discuss tentative timeline and process for completion of Panel's task by June 15, 2006 and the Panel's structure. The Panel will also introduce and receive brief statements from Panel members about the impact of Hurricane Katrina on their company's or industry sector's communications infrastructure as well as issues on which the Panel should focus.  | 01/30/2006 | 01/30/2006 |
| To receive oral presentations regarding: (1) the impact of Hurricane Katrina on the telecommunications and media infrastructure including public safety communications; (2) the sufficiency and effectiveness of the recovery effort with respect to this infrastructure; and (3) ways to improve disaster preparedness, network reliability and communications among first responders. In addition, the informal working groups will provide reports on their progress. | 03/06/2006 | 03/07/2006 |

The Panel will hear presentations from its 3 informal working groups regarding their work to date. The Panel may also hear presentations and/or demonstrations from invited representatives of government agencies and/or other entities that address emergency response and disaster preparedness issues. 04/18/2006 - 04/18/2006

The Panel will discuss proposed issues, findings and recommendations to be included in its Final Report to the FCC which is due by June 15, 2006. 05/12/2006 - 05/12/2006

To consider and vote on a draft report. 06/09/2006 - 06/09/2006

**Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 5**

|   | <b>Current FY</b> | <b>Next FY</b> |
|---|-------------------|----------------|
| <b>18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members</b>                  | \$0.00            | \$0.00         |
| <b>18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members</b>                      | \$0.00            | \$0.00         |
| <b>18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff</b>                        | \$150,671.00      | \$0.00         |
| <b>18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants</b>               | \$0.00            | \$0.00         |
| <b>18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members</b>             | \$5,082.00        | \$0.00         |
| <b>18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members</b>                 | \$0.00            | \$0.00         |
| <b>18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff</b>                   | \$2,311.00        | \$0.00         |
| <b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>          | \$0.00            | \$0.00         |
| <b>18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b> | \$36,236.00       | \$0.00         |
| <b>18d. Total</b>   | \$194,300.00      | \$0.00         |
| <b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>                          | 1.90              | 0.00           |

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

The Independent Panel will review the impact of Hurricane Katrina on the telecommunications and media infrastructure and make recommendations on ways to improve disaster preparedness, network reliability, and communication among first responders. The Independent Panel will gather data and information necessary to formulate recommendations for assuring optimal communications services during Hurricanes and other natural disasters.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

A balanced membership will be selected comprised of individuals from public safety organizations, as well as individuals from the public and private telecommunications sectors.

**20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?**

Estimated Number of Meetings per Year - 3 Estimated Total Meetings - 3

**20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?**

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, it became apparent that a review was necessary to determine how communications services can be improved to increase effectiveness and to minimize disruptions. An Independent FACA Panel presents the most optimum forum

from which recommendations can be formulated to improving telecommunications services during natural disasters.

## 20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

## 21. Remarks

Because of the urgency of the upcoming Hurricane season, which commences in July 2006, the Independent Panel will present their recommendations no later than June 15, 2006 so that many of the recommendations can be implemented before the start of the 2006 Hurricane season. As a result, we request that the 15-day waiting period (for establishing new committees) be waived before filing the charter with Congressional officials and the Library of Congress.

## Designated Federal Officer

Lisa Fowlkes Designated Federal Official

| Committee Members | Start      | End        | Occupation   | Member Designation    |
|-------------------|------------|------------|--|-----------------------|
| Agnew, Carson     | 01/09/2006 | 06/15/2006 | Vice President, Mobile Satellite Ventures, LP                        | Representative Member |
| Anderson, Michael | 01/09/2006 | 06/15/2006 | Chairman, PART-15.ORG  | Representative Member |
| Bailey, Robert    | 01/09/2006 | 06/15/2006 | Telecommunications Mgr., Harrison Co. Emergency Comm. Comm.          | Representative Member |
| Beary, Kevin      | 01/09/2006 | 06/15/2006 | Sheriff, Orange County, Florida                                      | Representative Member |
| Bicket, Greg      | 01/09/2006 | 06/15/2006 | Vice President/Regional Manager                                      | Representative Member |
| Booth, Joseph     | 01/09/2006 | 06/15/2006 | Deputy Superintendent, Louisiana State Police                        | Representative Member |
| Davis, Steve      | 01/09/2006 | 06/15/2006 | Vice President - Engineering   | Representative Member |
| Dawson, Robert    | 01/09/2006 | 06/15/2006 | President & CEO  | Representative Member |
| Dean, Stephen     | 01/09/2006 | 06/15/2006 | Fire Chief, City of Mobile, AL                                       | Representative Member |
| Delahousey, Steve | 01/09/2006 | 06/15/2006 | Vice President of Operations, American Medical Response              | Representative Member |
| Flessas, Dave     | 01/09/2006 | 06/15/2006 | Vice President - Network Operations                                  | Representative Member |
| Hadfield, Martin  | 01/09/2006 | 06/15/2006 | Vice President - Engineering   | Representative Member |
| Jacot, Jim        | 01/09/2006 | 06/15/2006 | Vice President   | Representative Member |
| Kent, Tony        | 01/09/2006 | 06/15/2006 | Vice President - Engineering & Network Operations                    | Representative Member |
| Kirwan, Kelly     | 01/09/2006 | 06/15/2006 | Vice - President, State & Local Govt and Commercial Markets Division | Representative Member |
| Linkous, Jonathan | 01/09/2006 | 06/15/2006 | Executive Director   | Representative Member |

|                 |            |            |  |                       |
|-----------------|------------|------------|--|-----------------------|
| Nweze, Adora    | 01/09/2006 | 06/15/2006 | President, Florida State Conference, NAACP                                     | Representative Member |
| Pena, Eduardo   | 01/09/2006 | 06/15/2006 | Board Member   | Representative Member |
| Pitts, Billy    | 01/09/2006 | 06/15/2006 | President of Government Affairs  | Representative Member |
| Sauter, Michael | 01/09/2006 | 06/15/2006 | Commander of New Orleans's Policy Dept's Office of Technology & Communications | Representative Member |
| Scott, Marion   | 01/09/2006 | 06/15/2006 | Vice President - Operations  | Representative Member |
| Sears, Kay      | 01/09/2006 | 06/15/2006 | Vice President of Sales & Marketing, G2 Satellite Solutions                    | Representative Member |
| Sexton, Edmund  | 01/09/2006 | 06/15/2006 | President, National Sheriffs Association                                       | Representative Member |
| Smith, Edwin    | 01/09/2006 | 06/15/2006 | Chief, Barton Rouge Fire Department  | Representative Member |
| Smith, William  | 01/09/2006 | 06/15/2006 | Chief Technology Officer   | Representative Member |
| Victory, Nancy  | 11/26/2005 | 06/15/2006 | Partner, Wiley Rein & Fielding, LP   | Representative Member |
| Yoes, Patrick   | 01/09/2006 | 06/15/2006 | National Secretary, Fraternal Order of Police                                  | Representative Member |

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 27**

**Narrative Description**

The Communications Act requires the Commission to, among other things, promote the safety of life and property through the use of communications. The Katrina Panel's mission was to study the impact of Hurricane Katrina on communications infrastructure and make recommendations to the Commission on ways to improve disaster preparedness, network reliability and communications among first responders.

**What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?**

Checked if Applies

|   |                          |
|---|--------------------------|
| Improvements to health or safety                  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Trust in government                               | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Major policy changes                              | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Advance in scientific research                    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Effective grant making                            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Improved service delivery                         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Increased customer satisfaction                   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other   | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**Outcome Comments**

NA

**What are the cost savings associated with this committee?**

Checked if Applies

- None
- Unable to Determine
- Under \$100,000
- \$100,000 - \$500,000
- \$500,001 - \$1,000,000
- \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000
- \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000
- Over \$10,000,000
- Cost Savings Other

**Cost Savings Comments**

NA

**What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?**

18

**Number of Recommendations Comments**

NA

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?**

0%

**% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

The Commission issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in June 2006 seeking comment on the Katrina Panel's recommendations. The Commission received over 100 comments in that proceeding. The Commission staff is now reviewing those comments.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?**

0%

**% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

In June 2006, the Commission issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking seeking comment on the Katrina Panel's recommendations. The comment period for the

rulemaking closed on August 21, 2006 and the Commission's staff is currently reviewing the comments.

**Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?**

Yes  No  Not Applicable

**Agency Feedback Comments**

NA

**What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?**

Checked if Applies

|                                   |                                     |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Reorganized Priorities            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Reallocated resources             | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Issued new regulation             | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Proposed legislation              | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Approved grants or other payments | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Other                             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

**Action Comments**

On June 19, 2006, the Commission issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking seeking comment on the Katrina Panel's recommendations. The comment period for this proceeding closed on August 21, 2006 and the Commission received over 100 comments. The Commission staff is currently reviewing the comments.

**Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?**

No

**Grant Review Comments**

NA

**How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?**

Checked if Applies

|                           |                                     |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Contact DFO               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online Agency Web Site    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online Committee Web Site | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online GSA FACA Web Site  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Publications              | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

Other



**Access Comments**

Information and documents related to the Katrina Panel may also be obtained in the Commission's Public Information Reference Room, which is located at the FCC, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554