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*The Broadband Credibility Gap*

Thursday, July 8, 2010 • 8:30 am – 11:00 am

The University Club

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Program Overview: The Federal Communications Commission has recently sought comment on whether it should reclassify broadband transport as a “telecommunications service” under Title II of the Communications Act, coupled with aggressive use of its forbearance authority to eliminate many of the more burdensome requirements of common carrier regulation. While such an approach certainly would give the FCC a “cleaner” legal case, this “Third Way” approach would also require the Commission to exercise significant self-restraint not to cede to temptation and use its new authority to institute heavy-handed regulation that would reduce investment and jobs. The question, therefore, is whether the FCC has the credibility to live up to its promises? Please join us to discuss this important topic.

Agenda:

- 8:30 – 9:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 – 9:30 Presentation of Research:  
Dr. George Ford – Chief Economist, The Phoenix Center
- 9:30 – 10:30 Panel Discussion  
Moderator: Lawrence Spiwak – President, The Phoenix Center  
Panelists:
- Chris Wright – Partner, Wiltshire & Grannis, LLP and former General Counsel of the Federal Communications Commission
  - Kathy Brown – Senior Vice President, Public Policy Development & Corporate Responsibility, Verizon and former Chief of Staff of the Federal Communications Commission
  - Jonathan Nuechterlein – Partner, Wilmer Hale and former Deputy General Counsel of the Federal Communications Commission
  - Paul Glenchur – Potomac Research Group
- 10:30 – 11:00 A discussion with Commissioner Robert McDowell  
Federal Communications Commission

*There is no charge to attend. The workshop is a widely-attended event and is open to government employees, press and other interested persons. Walk-ins are welcome. However, if you know you will attend, please RSVP to the Phoenix Center directly by Tuesday, July 6<sup>th</sup> at (202) 274-0235 or [info@phoenix-center.org](mailto:info@phoenix-center.org) and include all contact information.*

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