

The Free State Foundation

A Free Market Think Tank For Maryland...Because Ideas Matter

NEW DIRECTIONS IN COMMUNICATIONS POLICY

**February 26, 2009
Current Conference Agenda***

8:45 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Welcome and Introduction

Randolph J. May, President, The Free State Foundation

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Opening Keynote

The Honorable Marsha Blackburn, Member, House Energy and Commerce Committee, and Deputy Minority Whip, U. S. House of Representatives

10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

New Directions in Broadband Policy: Is Net Neutrality Necessary or Advisable?

Moderator:

Michael K. Powell, former Chairman, Federal Communications Commission

Panelists:

James W. Cicconi, AT&T

Thomas J. Tauke, Verizon

James B. Speta, Northwestern University School of Law

Thomas J. Sugrue, T-Mobile, USA

Joseph W. Waz, Jr., Comcast

Christopher S. Yoo, University of Pennsylvania Law School

11:30 a.m.-11:40 a.m.

Break

11:40 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

**New Directions in Universal Service and Intercarrier Compensation:
Are There More Efficient, More Rational Ways Forward?**

Moderator:

Deborah Taylor Tate, former FCC Commissioner and Distinguished Adjunct Senior Fellow, The Free State Foundation

Panelists:

Robert D. Atkinson, Information Technology & Innovation Foundation

Gerald W. Brock, George Washington University

Jeffrey A. Campbell, Cisco

Robert W. Crandall, Brookings Institution

Steven Davis, Qwest

John W. Mayo, Georgetown University

1:00 p.m.-2:15 p.m.

Luncheon

"A Conversation with Blair Levin on FCC Reform and Other Issues"

Blair Levin, Managing Director, Stifel Nicolaus, and Obama Transition Team Leader, and
Randolph J. May, President, The Free State Foundation

2:15 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**New Directions for Mass Media Policy:
Can We Do With Less Regulation in the Digital Age?**

Moderator

Richard E. Wiley, former Chairman, Federal Communications Commission

Panelists:

Diane M. Disney, Pennsylvania State University

James L. Gattuso, Heritage Foundation

Ellen P. Goodman, Rutgers School of Law

Kyle E. McSparrow, National Cable & Telecommunications Association

Glen O. Robinson, University of Virginia Law School

Steven S. Wildman, Michigan State University

4:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Conference Wrap-Up

* Some of the session times may still be subject to further adjustment.