

# **The Free State Foundation**

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## **Reforming Universal Service: What Should Be Done And How To Do It**

**MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2008, 12:00 NOON - 2:00 PM  
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In this era of new competition, new technologies, and increasing convergence in the communications marketplace, is the time finally ripe for reform of the Universal Service subsidy system? With the Universal Service Fund surcharge added to customers' bills now over 11%, many believe the subsidy system must be substantially overhauled, and without further delay. A distinguished panel of experts will discuss what should be done on a short and long-term basis to reform the system.

### **Opening Remarks:**

- **The Honorable Deborah Taylor Tate, Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission**

### **Panelists:**

- **James Assey, Executive Vice President, National Cable & Telecommunications Association**
- **Shirley Bloomfield, Senior Vice President-Federal Relations, Qwest**
- **Joel Lubin, Vice President-Policy, AT&T**
- **Randolph May, President, The Free State Foundation**
- **John Rose, President, OPASTCO**
- **Mark Rubin, Vice President, Federal Government Affairs, Alltel**
- **Colin Crowell, Professional Staff, House Energy and Commerce Committee**
- **Neil Fried, Senior Counsel for Telecom Policy, House Energy and Commerce Committee**

A complimentary lunch will be provided

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