

TELECOM POLICY AND REGULATION IN THE OBAMA ERA: HOW TO ADAPT AND THRIVE IN THE NEW ENVIRONMENT

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From the Horse's Mouth: Policymakers of the New Administration

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I. THE PLAYERS

- CONGRESS
- FCC
- DEPT. OF COMMERCE
 - National Telecommunications & Information Administration (NTIA)
- DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE



II. THE PEOPLE

CONGRESS

- House Energy & Commerce
 - Waxman (D-CA) replaces Dingell as Chair
 - Boucher (D-VA) replaces Markey (D-MA) as Chair of Telecom & Internet Subcommittee
- Senate Commerce
 - Chairman: Rockefeller (D-WV)
 - Communications & Technology Subcommittee: Kerry (D-MA)



II. THE PEOPLE (cont'd)

FCC

- Currently: Commr. Michael Copps (D) is Acting Chairman
- Julius Genachowski to be appointed Chairman
 - Harvard Law classmate of President Obama, former Supreme Court law clerk, top aide to ex-FCC Chairman Reed Hundt (1993-1997), technology executive, Obama Campaign Technology Team leader

Commissioners:

- Copps likely to remain
- Commrs. McDowell (R), Adelstein (D): Uncertain
- So: 1 3 New Commissioners to be appointed



II. THE PEOPLE (cont'd)

Commerce Dept. / NTIA

- Former Washington Gov. Gary Locke awaiting confirmation as Secretary of Commerce (Three's the charm??)
- NTIA Administrator (Asst Secy): likely choice reported to be Larry Strickling (ex-FCC Common Carrier Bureau chief, Ameritech, Broadwing, Level 3)
- Acting Administrator: Anna Gomez (ex-FCC, Sprint)



III. THE BIG ISSUES

- Broadband, Broadband, Broadband
 - \$7.2 Billion in NTIA, Dept. of Agriculture Rural Utilities Service (RUS) Grants
- DTV Transition (continued)
- Telecom Issues– This Seminar!!!





Critical Telecom Issues Now and on the Horizon: Update and Outlook

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How to Survive and Thrive in the New Era

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