

** REVISION **

SENATE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

COMMITTEE: Business & Commerce
TIME & DATE: 10:00 AM, Tuesday, October 09, 2012
PLACE: E1.016 (Hearing Room)
CHAIR: Senator John Carona
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: <http://BandC.posterous.com>

The Senate Committee on Business & Commerce will meet at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, October 9, 2012 in Room E1.016 of the Texas Capitol Extension. The Committee will:

- RECEIVE QUARTERLY UPDATES from selected state agencies and entities, including the Public Utility Commission and Texas Department of Insurance;
- TAKE INVITED AND PUBLIC TESTIMONY on the interim study charge "Analyze the state of the telecommunications market in Texas, including the costs and benefits of full deregulation of the market; the impact and viability of the Texas Universal Service Fund and Provider of Last Resort requirements; the impact of SB 980, Regular Session, 82nd Legislature, relating to telecommunications regulation and rulemaking; the availability of broadband; telecommunications service discounts; and rights-of-way charges. Make recommendations to enhance services, support the industry, and ensure adequate and affordable access for consumers." (ONLY THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND PORTION OF THIS CHARGE WILL BE TAKEN UP AT THIS HEARING)
- TAKE INVITED AND PUBLIC TESTIMONY on the interim study charge "Study whether advanced meters, or smart meters, that have been, and will be, installed in Texas have harmful effects on health. Report findings on whether an independent testing company analysis on the safety of advanced meters should be commissioned and the appropriate organization to conduct such a study."
- TAKE INVITED AND PUBLIC TESTIMONY on the interim study charge "Monitor the implementation of legislation addressed by the Senate Committee on Business & Commerce, 82nd Legislature, Regular and Called Sessions, and make recommendations for any legislation needed to improve, enhance, and/or complete implementation. Specifically, review the implementation of HB 2592 and 2594 relating to payday lending, and make recommendations relating to consistency and coordination with local ordinances and federal law."

WITNESSES: please provide testimony and exhibits in electronic format as soon as possible, preferably no later than Thursday before the hearing to allow time for posting online. All witnesses are requested to limit oral remarks to three minutes and are welcome to submit written testimony of any length, electronic format preferred.

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