Federal Communications Commission
Office of Native Affairs and Policy

<u>FCC Tribal Workshop</u>
Riverwind Casino
1544 State Highway 9, Norman, OK 73072
June 12-13, 2019

Hosted by the Chickasaw Nation

June 12, 2019

8:00 am – 8:15 am	**Doors Open – Registration**
8:15 am – 8:30 am	**Opening Prayer**
8:30 am – 8:45 am	**Chairman Pai Welcome Video**
8:45 am – 9:00 am	**Chickasaw Nation Welcome**
9:00 am – 9:15 am	**Opening Remarks** *Barbara Esbin, Deputy Chief, FCC Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau*
9:15 am – 9:30 am	**Overview of Agenda and Logistics** *Barbara Esbin*
9:30 am – 10:15 am	**Introduction to the Federal Communications Commission** *Barbara Esbin* This session introduces the FCC and discusses its relevance to Tribal Nations. It provides background on how the Commission operates,

including how the FCC handles licensing, rulemaking, subsidies and public comment in creating communications programs and policy.

10:15 am – 10:30 am　　　**Break**

10:30 am – 11:15 am　　　**Filing Comments at the FCC**
Matthew Duchesne, Chief, FCC Office of Native Affairs & Policy; Barbara Esbin

This session provides an overview on why Tribes should file comments in open proceedings where the FCC considers policies and rules, the different types of filings involved, the timing and substance of such filings, and the mechanics of how to submit comments.

11:15 am – 12:00 pm　　　**Developing an Advanced Services Network & Spectrum Opportunities**
Susan Mort, Legal Advisor, FCC Office of Native Affairs & Policy

This session will focus on considerations that Tribes should undertake when evaluating options for launching or expanding telecommunications services. This discussion will include an overview of spectrum opportunities which can be used to supplement fiber deployments and expand broadband access on Tribal lands.

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm　　　*Lunch Break – lunch on your own*

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm　　　**Chickasaw Nation Technology Deployments**
Cliff Agee, Undersecretary - Subsidiary Services & Support, Chickasaw Nation; Josh Snow, President, Trace Fiber Networks

This session provides background on how the Chickasaw Nation is approaching its fiber and other technology deployments for broadband and advanced services. Tribal representatives will detail their project buildout, the business case and forecast for its use, and future marketing plans.

2:30 pm – 2:45pm　　　**Break**

2:45 pm - 3:45 pm　　　**Tribal Success Stories Panel**
Barbara Esbin, Moderator; Bill Bryant, President & General Manager, Saddleback Communications; Crystal Hottowe, Grant Writer, Makah Tribe; Belinda Nelson, Director, Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority & Gila River Telecom, Inc.; Danae Wilson, Manager, Nez Perce Tribe Department of Technology Services

This moderated session will provide an opportunity to hear first-hand from Tribal government leaders and officials about success stories for deployment on their lands.

3:45 pm – 4:00 pm　　　**Break**

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	**Broadband Deployment on Tribal Lands**
	This session is intended to be an open discussion on attendees' perspectives on broadband deployment, barriers to deployment, and service on Tribal lands to help inform future Commission actions to close the digital divide.
5:00 pm	**Workshop Concludes for the Day**

June 13, 2019

8:30 am	**Doors Open**
8:45 am – 9:00 am	**Opening Remarks** *Patrick Webre, Chief, FCC Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau*
9:00 am – 9:45 am	**Department of Agriculture Funding Opportunities** *Shekinah Pepper, General Field Representative (AK, KS, OK, ME), Department of Agriculture, Rural Development* This session provides an overview of various funding programs available to rural and Tribal areas that can support communications and broadband infrastructure buildout, including the ReConnect Loan and Grant Program.
9:45 am – 10:30 am	**Universal Service Fund Support Programs** *Sayuri Rajapakse, Deputy Chief, FCC Office of Native Affairs & Policy; Leah Sorini, Lifeline Communications Associate, Universal Service Administrative Company* This session provides an overview of the FCC's Universal Service Fund and its four subsidy programs: (1) the High Cost program, including the Connect America Fund; (2) the Schools and Libraries program, also known as E-rate; (3) the Low-Income program, also known as Lifeline and Link Up; and (4) the Rural Health Care program. This session also includes an overview of how these programs operate.
10:30 am – 10:45 am	**Break**
10:45 am -11:30 am	**Lifeline Program National Verifier** *Leah Sorini* This session will provide an overview of the National Verifier system rollout which will be used nationwide to apply for the Lifeline program.

11:30 am – 12:00 pm	**Tribal Engagement** *Janet Sievert, Senior Legal Advisor, FCC Office of Native Affairs & Policy* This session provides an overview of the FCC's Tribal engagement obligation with respect to high cost USF funding.
12:00 pm –1:30 pm	***Lunch Break – lunch on your own***
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	**Public Safety and FirstNet** *Carrie Johnson, Tribal Affairs Specialist, AT&T; Theron Rutyna, IT Director, Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians; Danae Wilson, Manager, Nez Perce Tribe Department of Technology Services; Susan Mort* This session provides and overview of issues of concern relating to public safety and emergency communications on Tribal lands, including a presentation on how FirstNet is designed to provide first responders with a reliable communications network.
2:30 pm – 3:15 pm	**FCC's Tribal Radio Priority** *Brian Brashier, Director of Broadcast Productions, Chickasaw Nation; Sayuri Rajapakse* This session provides an opportunity to learn about the Commission's Tribal Radio Priority, which allows Tribes or Tribally owned or controlled entities to more easily obtain broadcast radio licenses. Brian Brashier from the Chickasaw Nation will share their experiences in qualifying for the Tribal Radio Priority and setting up a Tribally owned FM radio station in Connerville, OK.
3:15 pm – 5:00 pm	**MEMBERS AND APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVES OF TRIBAL NATIONS ONLY** This session provides another opportunity for Tribal members and appointed representatives of Tribal Nations to discuss, in an open forum, with FCC staff, any matters of interest to Workshop attendees in a collaborative and constructive environment.
5:00 pm	**Closing Prayer - Workshop Concludes**