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LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION'S SUBCOMMITTEE TO STUDY TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES IN NEVADA TO MEET IN LAS VEGAS

The Legislative Commission's Subcommittee to Study Telecommunication Services in Nevada will hold its first meeting on November 14, 2003, at the Grant Sawyer State Office Building in Las Vegas with a simultaneous videoconference to the Legislative Building in Carson City, commencing at 9:30 a.m.

The subcommittee, created by the passage of Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 2 of the 20th Special Session, is directed to study the development, regulation, and availability of telecommunication services in the State of Nevada.

Chairman of the subcommittee, Assemblyman David R. Parks (D-Las Vegas), stated, "Telecommunication services play a key role in both the social and economic future of Nevada." In addition, Chairman Parks stated, "I see the goal of the subcommittee as formulating recommendations that will guide policy for the State of Nevada that encourages both affordable access for all consumers and the unimpeded development of new technology."

The first meeting will be informational and will give the members of the subcommittee background on the telecommunications industry. The next meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2004.

The subcommittee is composed of five legislators in addition to Chairman Parks: Senator Maggie Carlton (D-Las Vegas), Senator Warren B. Hardy II (R-Las Vegas), Senator Randolph J. Townsend (R-Reno), Assemblyman David F. Brown (R-Henderson), and Assemblyman David E. Goldwater (D- Las Vegas).