

# What Should We Expect From The New FCC?



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## A Forward-Looking and Carefully Thought Through Agenda

- The prior speakers have laid out some of the new Administration's (and at least the new FCC Chairman's) plans in telecommunications.
- They are both far-reaching and very significant for our country's future.
- A great deal of thought went into these initiatives and policy proposals and I am optimistic that we will see progress.

## It Is Not As Easy As It Looks—And It Does Not Look Easy

- While the plans you have heard discussed hold much promise, the topic assigned to this panel is: “What Should We Expect From The New FCC?”
- Note that it is not phrased as “What Should We Hope For From The New FCC?”
- I will therefore try to lower expectations (somewhat) and talk about what we can expect in the real world, and why.

**What the right hand giveth, the left hand taketh  
away.**

**That is a great vision for the future, and those sound like great plans, but are the trains running on time?**

**We did not see that one (or those 14 things) coming.**

**We live in the real world.**

## So, What Can We Really Expect?

- Look to transition plans and initial policy pronouncements as setting directions for the future, rather than as defining detailed regulations and policies.
- Watch for those crises arising out of left field that are on no one's transition plans, but that may dramatically affect them.
- Recognize that the FCC must adapt to changing economic conditions.
- Remember that the FCC does not speak with one voice and is an independent regulatory agency.