****

**Jan. 30 FCC Meeting Won’t Have Agenda Items; Conference Call if Still Shut**

The FCC will hold a scheduled commissioners’ meeting Jan. 30, without the planned agenda items, said a public notice Wednesday (see 1901230035). As expected (see 1901180015), the meeting will instead consist of “announcements only,” the agency said. The FCC didn’t comment on whether the January agenda items would be pushed to a future meeting or approved on circulation. Details of the meeting depend on how long the shutdown lasts, the PN said. If the shutdown ends and the FCC “resumes normal operations” before Tuesday, the meeting will be held, as usual, in the Commission Meeting Room. If the shutdown continues through Tuesday, it will be conducted over conference call, the PN said. If the meeting is held via call, the public can listen in on an audio-only feed by calling 866-233-3841, pass code 463377, the PN said. “Call-in capacity may be limited depending on the volume of call.”

In either scenario, the start time was moved to 11 a.m. “This could very well be one of the FCC’s most productive meetings,” cracked ex-Commissioner Robert McDowell in response. “Given the length of the shutdown so far, proceeding with the announced agenda wasn’t possible, even if the Commission were to resume operations soon,” emailed telecom attorney Steve Augustino of Kelley Drye. “The option of a delay could crowd the February meeting, so this is the only practical solution.” Use the agenda-less meeting to provide guidance on priorities after operations resume, he recommended. “The agency should signal what will be tackled first,” he said. “We have quite a backlog of work that is piling up, and there could be a flood of calls and filings on the first day of normal operations.” —MT and DK\_