

Topic: FCC Roundtable

Carol Matthey (a well-known expert on the FCC) has agreed to lead an FCC roundtable discussion at our Nov 16th Hot Topic Webinar on some topics of interest to the BMMA. The format of this call will be a Q&A session so please come with any questions you may have regarding the FCC's activities or agenda. Topics likely to be covered include such issues as: Broadband Infrastructure Funding, ACAM Broadband Coalition, FCC Leadership Outlook, Biden Admin Telecom Regulatory Priorities, Reinstatement of Title II that classifies broadband as a telecommunications service, Speed Deployment Obligations, etc.

Speaker: Carol Matthey – founder of Matthey Consulting LLC and former Deputy Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau at the Federal Communications Commission



Carol Matthey, founder of Matthey Consulting LLC, has over 30 years of experience as a senior executive in the U.S. government, consultant and lawyer focusing on communications public policy. From 2010 to 2017, Carol was Deputy Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau at the Federal Communications Commission, focusing on the FCC's ongoing initiatives to reform over \$9 billion in annual federal spending known as the Universal Service Fund, which supports broadband connectivity for rural areas, schools, libraries, healthcare providers and low-income consumers. She led the development and implementation of the Connect America Fund to extend broadband to unserved areas in the United States. Carol is recognized as one of the country's leading experts on USF regulation and policy.

Throughout her government career, Carol focused on solving complex problems in a multi-stakeholder environment and updating regulation to reflect the rapidly evolving communications landscape. In addition to universal service, she worked on creating a framework to streamline regulatory approvals for transitions from traditional circuit-switched networks to modern IP networks, implementation of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, regulatory approvals to enter new lines of business, and merger condition oversight.

Carol also has worked as a consultant to the telecommunications and cable industry in the U.S. Earlier in her professional career, Carol served for five years as a policy advisor at the National Telecommunications & Information Administration in the U.S. Department of Commerce, working on Administration policies relating to the early development of the Internet and legislative efforts to reform the nation's telecommunications laws, leading up to the '96 Act. She is a recipient of the FCC's Gold Medal for public service and the 2016 recipient of the Federal Communications Bar Association's Excellence in Government Service award.