WASHINGTON, D.C., July 26, 2002 – A major travel agency, industry consultants and academics will be witnesses at the final hearing of the National Commission to Ensure Consumer Information and Choice in the Airline Industry on July 31 in Washington, according to David Winstead, Commission chairman.

The nine-person panel was established by Congress to investigate the financial condition of travel agents and to determine whether there are impediments to the distribution of schedule and fare information to the traveling public. Previous hearings were held in Washington, Chicago and San Francisco.

Scheduled witnesses are:
--Alex Wasilov, president & COO, Rosenbluth International
--John Caldwell, president, Caldwell Associates
--Robert Joselyn, president & CEO, Joselyn, Tepper & Associates
--Lorraine Sileo, VP-information services, PhocusWright, Inc.
--Kenneth Button, professor, Center for Transport Policy and Logistics, George Mason University
--David Butler, assistant professor, Department of Economic Development, University of Southern Mississippi

The July 31 hearing will begin at 9:30 am in the Scott Room of the Westin Grand Hotel, 2350 M St. NW, in Washington.

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