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Antitrust Modernization Commission Holds First Public Meeting, Seeks Public Comment on Topics for Study, and Unveils Website

July 16, 2004 – The Antitrust Modernization Commission (“AMC”) held its first public meeting yesterday, July 15, 2004, in the Rayburn House Office Building in Washington, D.C. The Commission voted to seek public comment on which issues it should study. The Commission will publish specific instructions and additional information in the *Federal Register* next week. The Commission also unveiled its website, www.amc.gov, which will provide the public with easy access to information about the Commission. The website provides background information about the Commission and contains Commission documents for public viewing. The Commission will post its press releases, *Federal Register* notices, hearing transcripts, and other documents of interest to the public on its website in order to make the Commission’s work accessible to interested members of the public.

The Commission meeting opened with remarks from House Judiciary Committee Chairman F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr., who sponsored the Antitrust Modernization Commission Act. Chairman Sensenbrenner identified several issues that he believes to be of particular importance and worthy of Commission study, including the intersection of antitrust law and intellectual-property rights, and the application of foreign antitrust laws to U.S. industries.

The Commissioners all expressed eagerness to move forward quickly to identify issues for Commission study. In addition to requesting public comment, a subcommittee of the

Commission will further develop a process of outreach to current and former antitrust enforcers, consumer groups, academics, economists, and others to assist the Commission in identifying issues, and will help to establish a timeline for the initial identification of some issues for Commission study.