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INTERNATIONAL BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON RECOMMENDATIONS APPROVED BY WORLD RADIOCOMMUNICATION CONFERENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

IB Docket No. 16-185

Comment Date: March 18, 2019

On March 11, 2019, the World Radiocommunication Conference Advisory Committee (WRC-19 Advisory Committee or WAC) approved and provided for Commission consideration its draft recommendations on a number of issues that will be considered by the 2019 World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-19). These recommendations are attached to this Public Notice (Attachment A).

Based upon an initial review of the draft recommendations forwarded to the Commission, the International Bureau, in coordination with other Commission Bureaus and Offices, tentatively concludes that we can generally support most of the attached WRC-19 Advisory Committee draft recommendations. We also take note of differing views expressed by the WRC-19 Advisory Committee in documents WAC/082 and WAC/083. We seek comment on the draft recommendations provided by the WRC-19 Advisory Committee (Attachment A). The FCC also seeks comment on the attached draft proposals that have been provided by the WAC for information as they did not reach full consensus by the membership (Attachment B).

The comments provided by interested parties will assist the FCC in its upcoming consultations with the U.S. Department of State and NTIA in the development of U.S. positions for WRC-19. The recommendations that are attached to this Public Notice may evolve in the course of interagency discussions as we approach WRC-19 and, therefore, do not constitute a final U.S. Government position on any issue.

The deadline for comments on the proposed recommendations is **March 18, 2019**. It is necessary that all comments be received by **March 18, 2019**, in order to allow sufficient time to finalize the U.S. position before commencement of regional WRC-19 preparatory meetings.¹ All comments are to reference **IB Docket No. 16-185** and to specific recommendations by WAC document number.

Pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §§ 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments on or before the date indicated on the first page of this document. Comments

¹ We note that this comment period is shorter than the period established for comments following the previous WAC, held October 1, 2018, to allow time to finalize the U.S. position for submission to the upcoming meeting of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission.

may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS). *See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

- Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/>.
- Paper Filers: Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy of each filing. If more than one docket or rulemaking number appears in the caption of this proceeding, filers must submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number.

Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

- All hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary must be delivered to FCC Headquarters at 445 12th St., SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. The filing hours are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes and boxes must be disposed of before entering the building.
- Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701.
- U.S. Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority mail must be addressed to 445 12th Street, SW, Washington DC 20554.

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In addition, one copy of each pleading must be sent to: Michael Mullinix, Designated Federal Official, Global Strategy and Negotiation Division, International Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 6-A821, Washington, D.C. 20554; email: Michael.Mullinix@fcc.gov.

The complete texts of these recommendations are available by accessing the FCC's WRC-19 web site at: www.fcc.gov/wrc-19. Filings and comments are also available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-A257, Washington, D.C. 20554.

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