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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20554

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In re )  
Amendment of Rule 1.4 )

**TO:** The Commission

**Petition for Rulemaking**

My name is Joseph A. Belisle and I am a lawyer residing in Miami-Dade County, Florida. I represent clients before the Federal Communications Commission and the rights of those clients are affected by the various actions and notices released each day by the Federal Communications Commission.

The Commission is moving to require its licensees, its applicants and parties interested in participating in its proceedings to file all information with the FCC electronically. It seems correct that the government's agency charged with making available "a rapid, efficient, nationwide, and world-wide wire and radio communication service" should use state-of-the-art electronic communications to receive information from, and disseminate information to, the public in general and to the parties in interest to its particular proceedings.

In this connection, the Commission has adopted the commendable practice of posting the documents it releases on its web page, making these documents available world-wide to all interested persons. Use of the internet is a particularly appropriate means of informing persons of the results of FCC actions.

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This is to request that the date a document is considered “released” by the Commission for purposes of Rule 1.4(a)(2) and 1.4(a)(4) be changed from the date that the document is available at the Commission’s Office of Public Affairs to the date that the document is posted on the FCC’s internet site, [www.fcc.gov](http://www.fcc.gov).

This proposed amendment of Rule 1.4 has the advantage of setting the public notice date as of the date an FCC action receives its widest distribution. The physical release in the Office of Public Affairs of 100 photocopies of an FCC policy statement affecting 15,000 broadcast stations is hardly an efficient means of effectuating public notice, given the electronic alternative available on the internet.

Amendment of Rule 1.4 in the manner proposed imposes no additional burden on the Commission or its staff. Commission documents are already posted on the internet. Further, members of the public conducting business with the Commission will not be disadvantaged. They are already required to file many of their submissions to the Commission electronically, and the Commission seems sure to continue its efforts to develop a completely electronic system of filing and record keeping.

In view of the matters stated above, I ask that you either institute a rulemaking proceeding to revise Rule 1.4 or that you revise Rule 1.4 on your own motion. Given the procedural nature of Rule 1.4, you should have the power to proceed directly to amend the rule if you choose. See 5 U.S.C. §553(b)(3)(A).

I declare under penalty of perjury the matters stated above are true.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph A. Belisle". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J".

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