



**WRC-12 Advisory Committee
INFORMAL WORKING GROUP 4 (IWG-4)**

Regulatory Issues

MINUTES

Meeting: IWG-4 (14th Meeting)

Date/Time: Friday, February 5, 2010 10:00 AM -12:00 PM

Location: Due to a winter storm warning in effect at the time of the meeting this was a teleconference only meeting

Committee Members Present: See attached.

Minutes Preparer: Jose Albuquerque

Meeting Summary:

1. Introductions/Appointment of Minutes Taker

The participants on the telephone introduced themselves. The participant list can be found on the last page of this document. The meeting was open to the public and no attendees indicated that they were federal registered lobbyists.

2. Approval of agenda.

Agenda was approved with one change: Document IWG-4/046 should be labeled as Rev3.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the 13th Meeting

Thirteenth Meeting Minutes (Document IWG-4/053) were approved with no changes. Thanks were expressed to Kim Baum for taking the minutes.

4. Update on US WRC Preparations

Scott Kotler from NTIA reported that the RCS had met on February 4. Wayne White noted that one output relevant to IWG-4 is a proposal on Agenda Item 1.6. The RCS will meet again on March 4 and will then consider the outputs of the WAC-12 February meeting. For the FCC, Alex Roytblat reminded the group that the next full WAC is February 10th, and the Chair/Vice Chair meeting will be February 9th.

5. Discussion of Recent International Activities Affecting Regulatory Issues

Reference was made to the Working Party 1B meeting being currently held in Geneva where matters pertaining to Agenda Item 1.2 were under discussion. Jose Albuquerque reported that the US contribution addressing the impact to FSS of changes in the definitions of the fixed and mobile services had been well received by the meeting and was expected to influence the development of these proposed changes of definitions.

6. Consideration of Industry Draft Proposals

Proposal on Agenda Item 7 (Res. 49) (Doc. IWG-4/046Rev3). On behalf of Jack Wengryniuk, Jose Albuquerque introduced a revised version of the document which incorporates the suggestions made during the last meeting as well as inputs provided to the author afterwards. Some minor editorial suggestions were made and the document was subsequently approved for submission to the WAC. Chris Hofer expressed his appreciation for the efforts to limit the provisions of the new Annex 3 (requirement to submit or update Res 49 information shortly after bringing into use) to specific portions of C-band and Ku-band. However, he reiterated concerns with the proposal as it opens the way for the extension of the same requirements to other frequency bands.

Proposal on Agenda Item 7 (Nos. 11.41-42) (Doc. IWG-4/048Rev2). Jose Albuquerque introduced a revised version of the document which simplified the background section and, in particular, incorporated a suggestion from Larry Reed and Tom Tycz to make reference to No. 13.2 of the Radio Regulations in the text being added to No. 11.42. Alex Roytblat made some suggestions about the wording proposed to be added to No. 11.42 and a new choice of words was agreed. Finally, there was some discussion about whether the sentence being added to No. 11.42 should be in the body of this provision or be included in a footnote to it. The meeting decided to keep the new sentence in No. 11.42 itself and the document was approved for submission to the WAC.

Proposal on Agenda Item 1.2 (Doc. IWG-4/051Rev1). Kim Baum introduced a revised version of the document taking into account concerns raised during the discussion that took place at the last meeting. The author recognized that in view of the discussions currently under way at Working Party 1B submission of the document to the WAC might be premature at this point in time. Damon Ladson thanked for the effort indicated that SkyTerra was not in a position to support submission of the document to the WAC. John Gilsean also thanked Kim Baum for the revised version of the document but indicated that TerreStar could not support approval of the

document at this time. John Gilson also reiterated the need to consider possible changes to the Radio Regulations to develop a regulatory framework more appropriate for the development of “Integrated MSS Systems”. Jose Albuquerque agreed that submission of the document to the February WAC might be premature and repeated that Intelsat would be prepared to look into proposals addressing “Integrated MSS Systems” within Agenda Item 1.2 as concerns in this respect expressed in the past were no longer justifiable. The Chair expressed concerns with the absence of an industry proposal in view of the NTIA proposal for an overall NOC (No Change) and asked the FCC whether they shared this concern. Alex Royblat agreed that it would be advisable to have an FCC proposal but there was no need to rush to it. Don Jansky indicated that we should wait for the outcome of Working Party 1B and Kim Baum agreed with that but thought that we should move quickly on both issues (“Integrated MSS Systems” and Document 51). The Chair proposed to table Document 51 and suggested that we get back to it at the next IWG-4 meeting.

Proposal on Agenda Item 7 (Integrated MSS Systems) (Doc. IWG-4/028r2). Damon Ladson had re-circulated this and several related documents prior to the meeting to refresh everyone’s memory of past discussions, but no further discussion occurred at this time. The document remains tabled.

7. Consideration of NTIA Draft Proposals

Draft Proposal on Agenda Item 7 (BIU) – (Doc. IWG-4/043)

IWG-4 recognized that the proposal in Document IWG-4/046Rev3 also addresses the basic point covered by the NTIA proposal (website with bringing into use information). In addition Document 46 proposes changes to Resolution 49. IWG-4 believed that the two proposals could move in parallel and therefore expressed its agreement to the NTIA proposal contained in Document IWG-4/043.

Draft Proposal on Agenda Item 1.2 – (Doc. IWG-4/035)

As described above, IWG-4 is actively discussing Agenda Item 1.2 and at this point cannot agree with the NTIA proposal.

8. Consideration of Other Agenda Items (1.6, 2, 4, 8.1, 8.2)

Not discussed.

9. Future Meeting(s):

Next meeting will be held on April 13, 10:00-12:00.

10. Other Business

No other business was discussed. The meeting closed at 11:22 AM.

ATTACHMENT:

IWG-4 Meeting Participants:

Name		Representing	Minutes 2010	Federally Registered Lobbyist? (Yes/No)	MTG- 14 2-5-10
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