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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Re: *Ex Parte* Notice

WT Docket Nos. 01-309, 07-250, 10-254; ET Docket No. 03-137

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Wednesday, June 22, 2011, Brian Scarpelli, Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA); Wesley Gee, TIA; Dave Case, Cisco; Daryl Popowitch, Harris Corporation; Robert Speidel, Harris Corporation; Chuck Eger, Motorola Mobility; Chuck Powers, Motorola Solutions; Mike Ramnath, Motorola Solutions; Rob Kubik, Samsung; Jon Suehiro, Uniden met with Dr. Rashmi Doshi, Office of Engineering and Technology (OET); Sandra Haase, OET; and Joe Dichoso, OET; and James Szeliga, OET. During this meeting, TIA discussed ways that to improve grant timing, procedural approval transparency, and increased awareness of technology developments. A copy of the presentation given to the attendees of this meeting is appended to this filing.

TIA noted that a comprehensive revision of OET Bulletin 65 Supplement C would provide grant applicants with increased clarity, and would complement the Knowledge Database (KDB) process. Additionally, wholesale revision would more efficiently utilize resources than updating Supplement C on a KDB-by-KDB basis.

TIA also encouraged OET towards furthering the continued success of the Commission's hearing aid compatibility (HAC) policies by implementing the newly-adopted ANSI C63.19 standard into OET testing procedures for HAC.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, a copy of this submission is being provided to the meeting attendees. Please contact the undersigned with any questions in connection with this filing.

Respectfully submitted,

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Telecommunications Industry Association Technical Regulatory Policy Committee and FCC Lab Dialog:

Grant Timing, Transparency, Technology Developments and Other Issues

June 22, 2011



Agenda

- Introduction
 - Continue TRPC-FCC Lab dialog on equipment grant procedures
 - Discuss current timing of approvals and opportunities for improvement
 - Other issues
- Approval Process Discussion Points
- New Technology Issues
- HAC Developments



Approval Process Discussion Points

- Potential opportunities for timing and transparency improvements:
 - Revision of Supplement C to OET Bulletin 65
 - Template language towards providing clarity on filing requirements
 - Increased dialogue with industry on technology developments
 - A means for applicants to know the status of their application



Supplement C

- Recently, OET has noted that Supplement C is “obsolete” in its current form.
- Rather than updating Supplement C on a KDB-by-KDB basis, the Commission would more efficiently utilize resources by undertaking a revision of Supplement C in whole.
- Revision Supplement C would also provide applicants with increased certainty as the revision would create a consolidated resource for guidance.



Uniformity of Filings

- Issue: Formatting issues take time to resolve.
- Proposal: Implement a clear, uniform template for grant submissions
- TIA has provided a straw man template for discussion
 - Distributing for additional TIA member comment
 - Seeking TCB comment
 - Plan to provide to FCC for review and revision after above comments received



Transparency about the Status of an Application

- Issue: Companies need to understand whether product ship dates are in jeopardy. However –
 - FCC cannot commit to a grant prior to review
 - FCC does not have the resources for unlimited communications about the status of reviews.
- Dialog about additional transparency –
 - Can companies know where the products are in the queue?
 - Can companies know approximate time until the review will be commenced?
 - Are other interim communications possible?



New Technology Issues

- Bootloader issue
- Other?



Ways to Keep the FCC Lab Apprised of Technology Developments

- Issue: The FCC Lab needs better dialog with industry about new technologies.
 - Companies are reluctant to discuss new technologies in an open forum where competitors are present.
 - Companies are concerned about confidentiality.
- Proposal: TIA proposes that it develop a process for individual company meetings for technology updates.
 - TIA will coordinate the industry meetings.
 - FCC could provide responses about issues it sees coming out of the industry updates.



HAC Update

- ANSI C63.19 (Hearing Aid Compatibility) has been finalized.
- Next Step: Revised testing procedures.
 - Can TIA submit any documentation to the Commission to help expedite this action?



Other Issues?

Discussion



Thank You For Your Consideration

Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA) Technical Regulatory Policy Committee (TRPC)

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