

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DRAFT PROPOSALS FOR THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE

Agenda Item 7: *to consider possible changes, and other options, in response to Resolution 86 (rev. Marrakesh, 2002) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, an advance publication, coordination, notification and recording procedures for frequency assignments pertaining to satellite networks, in accordance with Resolution 86 (Rev. WRC-07) to facilitate rational efficient, and economical use of radio frequencies and any associated orbits, including the geostationary – satellite orbit*

Background Information: WRC-12 modified the regulatory provisions and procedures relating to the bringing into use of frequency assignments to geostationary-satellite orbit space stations, and for suspension of the use of recorded frequency assignments to space stations. Following WRC-12, the ITU Radiocommunication Bureau and the ITU Radio Regulations Board have undertaken to develop rules of procedure relating to the timing of the provision of information regarding the bringing into use of frequency assignments to geostationary-orbit space stations and the submission of notification materials under Nos. **11.15/11.25** of the Radio Regulations, as well as under § 5.1.3 of Appendix **30**, § 5.1.7 of Appendix **30A** or § 8.1 of Appendix **30B**.

The language of the Radio Regulations does not preclude the possibility that an administration may submit information regarding the bringing into use of frequency assignments to geostationary-orbit space stations to the Radiocommunication Bureau prior to the submission of notification materials relating to those frequency assignments. In operation, however, the submission of bringing-into-use information prior to notification raises difficult questions as to the status of frequency assignments during the period prior to the successful completion by the Radiocommunication Bureau successfully completing examination of the later notification filing and recordation of the frequency assignments in the Master Register. It also is apparent, from the language of No. **11.49**, as modified by WRC-12, that only recorded frequency assignments may be suspended, and there is no provision for suspending frequency assignments that are in use under No. **11.44B** but not recorded.

This proposal brings clarity to the procedures by specifying that notices relating to frequency assignments to space stations in the geostationary-satellite orbit may not reach the Radiocommunication Bureau later than the first day of the ninety-day bringing into use period set forth in No. **11.44B**. Uncertainty regarding the status of assignments in the period between bringing into use and recordation will thus be removed. The proposal also reiterates the understanding of No. **11.49** that frequency assignments must be in use in order for such use to be suspended.

The specific proposals follow.

Proposal:

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11.25 Notices relating to assignments to stations in space services, and to terrestrial stations involved in coordination with a satellite network, shall reach the Bureau not earlier than three years before the assignments are brought into use and, for frequency assignments to space stations in the geostationary-satellite orbit, not later than the first day of the ninety-day period specified in No. 11.44B.

Reasons: To remove the possibility that information on bringing into use of frequency assignments to satellite networks can be provided prior to the submission of notification materials under Article 11.

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11.49 Wherever the use of a recorded frequency assignment to a space station is suspended for a period exceeding six months, the notifying administration shall, as soon as possible, but no later than six months from the date on which the use was suspended, inform the Bureau of the date on which such use was suspended.^{21bis} When the recorded assignment is brought back into use, the notifying administration shall, subject to the provisions of No. 11.49.1 when applicable, so inform the Bureau, as soon as possible. The date on which the recorded assignment is brought back into use²² shall be not later than three years from the date of suspension. (WRC-12)

^{21bis} **11.49.2** Only frequency assignments that have been brought into use under Nos. 11.44 and 11.44B may be suspended.

Reasons: To clarify that only frequency assignments that have been brought into use may be suspended under No. 11.49.

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²² 11.49.1

Reasons: To clarify that no change is needed for No. 11.49.1.