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NOTICE CONCERNING *EX PARTE* STATUS OF INFORMATION SUBMITTED TO THE COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY, RELIABILITY, AND INTEROPERABILITY COUNCIL

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) recently announced the first meeting of the Communications Security, Reliability, and Interoperability Council (CSRIC), to be held on Friday, September 23, 2011.¹ The CSRIC is a Federal advisory committee that will provide recommendations to the Commission regarding best practices and actions the Commission may take to ensure the security, reliability, and resiliency of the Nation's communications systems.

Under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Commission is responsible for oversight of the CSRIC, including its informal working groups.² As a result, FCC staff may participate in meetings or other activities held by the CSRIC and/or its informal working groups. We are therefore announcing that, pursuant to section 1.1200(a) of the Commission's rules,³ presentations to the CSRIC will be treated as exempt presentations for *ex parte* purposes. This treatment is appropriate because presentations to the CSRIC, like comments on many Notices of Inquiry, will not directly result in the promulgation of new rules.⁴

We recognize, however, that issues that may be addressed by the CSRIC are the subject of a number of pending FCC proceedings. The Commission will not rely in these proceedings on any information submitted to the CSRIC, or to any of its subcommittees or working groups, unless that information is first placed in the record of the relevant proceeding.

Additional information regarding the CSRIC can be found at <http://www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/communications-security-reliability-and-interoperability-council-iii>. For more information, contact Jeffery Goldthorp, Designated Federal Official for CSRIC at (202) 418-1096 or jeffery.goldthorp@fcc.gov or Lauren Kravetz, Deputy Designated Federal Official for CSRIC at (202) 418-7944 or lauren.kravetz@fcc.gov.

¹ FCC Announces Meeting of the Communications Security, Reliability and Interoperability Council Scheduled for September 23, 2011 at FCC Headquarters, *Public Notice*, DA 11-1486, rel. Aug. 31, 2011.

² See 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

³ 47 C.F.R. § 1.1200(a).

⁴ See 47 C.F.R. § 1.1204(b)(1)(exempt treatment of presentations regarding a Notice of Inquiry).