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EX PARTE MEETINGS WITH THE TECHNOLOGY TRANSITIONS POLICY TASK FORCE

GN Docket No. 13-5 Technology Transitions Policy Task Force

On December 10, 2012, Chairman Julius Genachowski announced the formation of an agency-wide Technology Transitions Policy Task Force to provide recommendations on how to modernize the Commission's policies in a manner that encourages the technological transition, empowers and protects consumers, promotes competition, and ensures network resiliency and reliability.¹

The Technology Transitions Policy Task Force is conducting a data-driven review to ensure that our nation's communications policies continue to drive a virtuous cycle of innovation and investment, promote competition, and protect consumers. Parties meeting with the Technology Transitions Policy Task Force may advocate on issues that are not the subject of an open proceeding. It is nevertheless important that the Task Force have an open and transparent process. Accordingly, the Commission will treat presentations to the Technology Transitions Policy Task Force (including both oral meetings and written submissions), as to the work of the Task Force as subject to filing in a "permit-but-disclose" proceedings, in which ex parte presentations to Commission decision-making personnel are permissible but subject to certain disclosure requirements in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules.² Presentations to the Technology Transitions Policy Task Force should be filed in GN Docket No. 13-5 (as well as any other applicable docket, where appropriate).

Parties requesting meetings with the Task Force should submit requests to TechTaskForce@fcc.gov. Any such requests must specify the purpose of the meeting, the issues that the party intends to discuss (including identifying any pending proceedings that may be discussed), and the meeting attendees.

Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS). See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

- Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs2/>.
- Paper Filers: Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy of each filing. If more than one docket or rulemaking number appears in the caption of this proceeding, filers must submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number.

¹ See *FCC Chairman Julius Genachowski Announces Formation of "Technology Transitions Policy Task Force."* Dec. 10, 2012, available at <http://www.fcc.gov/document/fcc-chairman-announces-technology-transitions-policy-task-force>.

² This Public Notice does not otherwise alter exemptions to the permit but disclose requirements, including communications with other government agencies, as provided in 47 C.F.R. § 1.1204.

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- All hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary must be delivered to FCC Headquarters at 445 12th St., SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. The filing hours are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes and boxes must be disposed of before entering the building.
- Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743.
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Persons making *ex parte* presentations must file a copy of any written presentation or a memorandum summarizing any oral presentation within two business days after the presentation (unless a different deadline applicable to the Sunshine period applies). Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentation must (1) list all persons attending or otherwise participating in the meeting at which the *ex parte* presentation was made, and (2) summarize all data presented and arguments made during the presentation. If the presentation consisted in whole or in part of the presentation of data or arguments already reflected in the presenter's written comments, memoranda or other filings in the proceeding, the presenter may provide citations to such data or arguments in his or her prior comments, memoranda, or other filings (specifying the relevant page and/or paragraph numbers where such data or arguments can be found) in lieu of summarizing them in the memorandum. Documents shown or given to Commission staff during *ex parte* meetings are deemed to be written *ex parte* presentations and must be filed consistent with rule 1.1206(b). In proceedings governed by rule 1.49(f) or for which the Commission has made available a method of electronic filing, written *ex parte* presentations and memoranda summarizing oral *ex parte* presentations, and all attachments thereto, must be filed through the electronic comment filing system available for that proceeding, and must be filed in their native format (*e.g.*, .doc, .xml, .ppt, searchable .pdf). Participants in this proceeding should familiarize themselves with the Commission's *ex parte* rules.