FCC SEEKS COMMENT ON RECOMMENDATIONS APPROVED BY THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE 2015 WORLD RADIOCOMMUNICATION CONFERENCE

IB Docket No. 04-286

Comment Date: February 18, 2014

On January 27, 2014, the Advisory Committee for the 2015 World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-15 Advisory Committee or WAC) approved and provided for Commission consideration its draft recommendations on a number of issues that will be considered by the 2015 World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-15). These recommendations are attached to this Public Notice (Attachment 1).

Based upon an initial review of the draft recommendations forwarded to the Commission, the International Bureau, in coordination with other Commission Bureaus and Offices, tentatively concludes that we can generally support most of the attached WRC-15 Advisory Committee draft recommendations. We also take note of differing views expressed by the WRC-15 Advisory Committee in document WAC/066. We seek comment on the draft recommendations provided by the WRC-15 Advisory Committee (Attachment 1). The FCC also seeks comment on the attached draft proposals that have been provided to the FCC by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) (Attachment 2). Finally, the FCC seeks comment on the International Bureau’s initial conclusions with regard to the WRC-15 Advisory Committee draft recommendations.

The comments provided by interested parties will assist the FCC in its upcoming consultations with the U.S. Department of State and NTIA in the development of U.S. positions for WRC-15. The recommendations that are attached to this Public Notice may evolve in the course of interagency discussions as we approach WRC-15 and, therefore, do not constitute a final U.S. Government position on any issue.

The deadline for comments on the proposed recommendations is February 18, 2014. It is necessary that all comments be received by February 18, 2014, in order to allow sufficient time to finalize the U.S. position before commencement of regional WRC-15 preparatory meetings.

Interested parties may file comments on or before February 18, 2014. All comments are to reference IB Docket No. 04-286 and to specific recommendations by WAC document number. Comments may be filed using the Commission’s Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies.¹

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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, D.C. 20554. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building. The filing hours are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. 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. U.S. Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority mail must be addressed to 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington D.C. 20554.

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In addition, one copy of each pleading must be sent to each of the following:


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The complete texts of these recommendations are available by accessing the FCC’s WRC-15 web site at: http://www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/wac-5th-meeting-january-27-2014. Filings and comments are also available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-A257, Washington, D.C. 20554. They may also be purchased from the Commission’s duplicating contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc., Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20554, telephone: # (202) 488-5300, fax: # (202) 488-5563, or via e-mail www.bcpiweb.com.

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