



# PUBLIC NOTICE

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## **MEDIA BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON DSTAC REPORT**

**MB Docket No. 15-64**

**Comments Due: October 8, 2015**  
**Reply Comments Due: November 9, 2015**

1. We seek comment on the final report that the Downloadable Security Technical Advisory Committee (DSTAC) submitted to the Federal Communications Commission (“Commission”) on August 28, 2015, and attached to this public notice. The Chairman of the Commission established the DSTAC, a federal advisory committee made up of “technical experts representing a wide range of stakeholders,” under Section 106(d) of the Satellite Television Extension and Localism Act Reauthorization Act of 2014 (“STELAR”).<sup>1</sup> Section 106(d) required the DSTAC “to identify, report, and recommend performance objectives, technical capabilities, and technical standards of a not unduly burdensome, uniform, and technology- and platform-neutral software-based downloadable security system designed to promote the competitive availability of navigation devices in furtherance of section 629 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 549).”<sup>2</sup> By this Public Notice, the Media Bureau seeks comment on the DSTAC’s report, including the four Working Group reports attached to the final report, and how it should inform the Commission’s obligations under Section 629 of the Communications Act.<sup>3</sup>

2. Permit-but-Disclose. The proceeding this Notice initiates shall be treated as a “permit-but-disclose” proceeding in accordance with the Commission’s *ex parte* rules.<sup>4</sup> 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. 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

<sup>1</sup> Pub. L. No. 113-200, 128 Stat 2059 (2014). President Obama signed the STELAR into law on December 4, 2014.

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* at § 106(d). The DSTAC’s report was due not later than 9 months after the date of enactment of STELAR, or September 4, 2015.

<sup>3</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 549.

<sup>4</sup> 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*

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.

3. Comments and Replies. Interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before the dates indicated on the first page of this document. Comments and Reply Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System ("ECFS").<sup>5</sup>

- 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.

Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

- All hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary must be delivered to FCC Headquarters at 445 12<sup>th</sup> 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.
- U.S. Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority mail must be addressed to 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Washington DC 20554.

4. Availability of Documents. Comments, reply comments, and *ex parte* submissions will be available for public inspection during regular business hours in the FCC Reference Center, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W., CY-A257, Washington, D.C., 20554. These documents will also be available via ECFS. Documents will be available electronically in ASCII, Microsoft Word, and/or Adobe Acrobat.

5. People with Disabilities. To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an e-mail to [fcc504@fcc.gov](mailto:fcc504@fcc.gov) or call the FCC's Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530 (voice), (202) 418-0432 (TTY).

6. Additional Information. For additional information on this proceeding, contact Brendan Murray, of the Media Bureau, Policy Division, (202) 418-1573 or [brendan.murray@fcc.gov](mailto:brendan.murray@fcc.gov). Press contact: Janice Wise (202-418-8165; [janice.wise@fcc.gov](mailto:janice.wise@fcc.gov)).

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<sup>5</sup> See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).