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## WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU ANNOUNCES TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR JUNE 7 WORKSHOP ON ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW

The FCC Wireless Telecommunications Bureau will host its annual educational workshop on the environmental compliance and historic preservation review process required for the construction of wireless communications facilities. The session will include information relevant to the construction of all new communications towers and to the collocation of communications equipment on towers and other structures. This workshop will take place on Wednesday, June 7, 2017, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM EDT, in the Commission Meeting Room at FCC Headquarters, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Washington, DC. It will also be webcast.

At the workshop, FCC staff will provide information to the FCC's licensees, those who construct communications facilities for FCC licensees, and their consultants on topics under the National Environmental Policy Act, the National Historic Preservation Act, and the FCC's implementing regulations and agreements. The agenda for the workshop is attached and is posted at <http://www.fcc.gov/events/>.

**Attendance:** This workshop is open to the public. You may attend in person or through the webcast; preregistration is encouraged for both. Please pre-register by submitting your name and affiliation in an email to Jim Swartz ([james.swartz@fcc.gov](mailto:james.swartz@fcc.gov)). All attendees are advised to arrive approximately 30 minutes prior to the start of the workshop to allow time to go through our security process.

**Instructions for Webcast:** To join the webcast on the morning of the event, go to <http://www.fcc.gov>, then open the link for this workshop.

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## TENTATIVE AGENDA

All times are approximate

- 9:00 AM **Welcome, Introductions, and Logistics**  
Neşe Guendelsberger, Acting Chief, WTB  
Jeffrey Steinberg, Deputy Chief, Competition and Infrastructure Policy Division  
Steve DelSordo, Federal Preservation Officer, FCC
- 9:20 AM **NPRM/NOI, WT Docket No. 17-79**  
Jeffrey Steinberg, Deputy Chief, CIPD  
*An overview of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Notice of Inquiry released on April 21, 2017, focusing on the portions relating to environmental and historic preservation review. Discussion of the procedural status and process requirements.*
- 9:50 AM **The NEPA Process at the FCC**  
Erica Rosenberg, Associate Chief, CIPD  
*An overview of NEPA and the FCC's implementing rules and procedures, including how NHPA Section 106 review fits into the framework. Special focus on common misunderstandings and errors.*
- 10:30 AM **Break**
- 10:45 AM **Hot Topics in Section 106 Compliance**  
Steve DelSordo, FPO  
Jill Springer, Deputy FPO  
*An overview of new developments in the FCC's processing of Section 106 reviews and guidance to help applicants complete the process efficiently. Topics will include:*
- *The process for concluding Tribal engagement in cases of delayed response*
  - *Efficient completion of Memoranda of Agreement in cases of adverse effect*
  - *Provision of information to Tribal Nations*
- 11:45 AM **Lunch Break**
- 12:45 PM **ACHP Program Comment for Broadband on Federal Lands**  
Thomas McCulloch, Assistant Director, Office of Federal Agency Programs  
Charlene Dwin Vaughn, Assistant Director, Office of Federal Agency Programs  
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation  
*ACHP staff will give a presentation on the recently completed Program Comment that extends to land- and property-managing agencies many of the efficiencies in the FCC's Section 106 process for communications infrastructure on their lands.*
- 1:15 PM **DAS, Small Cells, Rights-of-Way, and the First Amendment to the Collocation Agreement**

Paul D'Ari, Special Counsel, CIPD  
Saurbh Chhabra, Senior Electronics Engineer, CIPD  
Jill Springer, Deputy FPO

*A discussion of issues relating to the evolution toward smaller wireless infrastructure, including:*

- *Overview of technology and infrastructure*
- *Overview of the August 2016 amendments to the Collocation Agreement*
- *Application of rules governing Section 106 review for placements in rights-of-way, including the distinction between “towers” and “poles”*

2:30 PM      **Break**

2:45 PM      **Biological Reviews, Tower Lighting, and Birds Nesting on Towers**

Joelle Gehring, Biologist, FCC

*An overview of the processes governing biological review and tower lighting, with an emphasis on developments in the past year.*

3:30 PM      **Wrap-Up**

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4:00 PM      **Adjourn**

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