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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 Council) recently announced the first meeting of its Communications Security, Reliability and Interoperability Council (CSRIC), to be held on Friday, June 23, 2017.¹ The CSRIC is a federal advisory committee that will provide advice and recommendations to the Commission on how to promote reliability and resiliency of communications. The CSRIC is organized under, and operates in accordance with, the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA).²

Under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Commission is responsible for oversight of the CSRIC, including its subcommittees and working groups.³ As a result, FCC staff or Commissioners may participate in or attend meetings or other activities held by both the CSRIC and its subcommittees and working groups. In light of this, we are announcing that, pursuant to section 1.1200(a) of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR § 1.1200(a), presentations to the CSRIC, including to its subcommittees and working groups, and at any roundtable discussions sponsored by the CSRIC, and presentations between CSRIC members (including members of any subcommittees or working groups) and FCC staff or Commissioners, will be treated as exempt presentations for *ex parte* purposes. This treatment is appropriate since presentations to the Council, like comments on a Notice of Inquiry, will not directly result in the promulgation of new rules.⁴

We recognize, however, that in the course of its work the CSRIC may address issues that are subject to pending rulemaking proceedings.⁵ The Commission will not rely in these proceedings on any information submitted to the CSRIC, or to any of its subcommittees, working groups, or sponsored

¹ *FCC Announces the Membership and First Meeting of the Communications Security, Reliability and Interoperability Council*, Public Notice, DA 17-574 (June 12, 2017).

² See 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

³ See *id.*

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

⁵ See *e.g.*, *911 Governance and Accountability; Improving 911 Reliability*, Policy Statement and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 29 FCC Rcd 14208 (2014); and *Amendment of Part 11 of the Commission's Rules Regarding the Emergency Alert System, Wireless Emergency Alerts*, PS Docket Nos. 15-94 and 15-91, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 31 FCC Rcd 594 (2016).

roundtables, or information conveyed by CSRIC members (including members of any subcommittees or working groups) to FCC staff or Commissioners unless that information is first placed in the record of the relevant proceeding.

Additional information regarding the CSRIC can be found at <https://www.fcc.gov/broadband-deployment-advisory-committee>. You may also contact Jeffery Goldthorp, Designated Federal Officer for CSRIC at (202) 418-1096 or jeffery.goldthorp@fcc.gov; or Suzon Cameron, Deputy Designated Federal Officer for CSRIC at (202) 418-1916 or suzon.cameron@fcc.gov.

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