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WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU ANNOUNCES WORKSHOP AGENDA: ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW WORKSHOP

The FCC Wireless Telecommunications Bureau will host its annual workshop on the environmental compliance and historic preservation review process required for the construction of wireless communications facilities. The training will include information relevant to the construction of new communications towers and the collocation of communications equipment on existing towers and other structures. This workshop will take place on Thursday, October 11, 2018 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM EDT, and Friday, October 12, 2018 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 p.m. EDT in the Commission Meeting Room at FCC Headquarters, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC. It will also be webcast.

At the workshop, FCC experts on the environmental review process and other speakers will provide information to FCC licensees, those who construct or manage communications facilities for FCC licensees, and consultants on a range of topics related to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), and the FCC's implementing regulations and related agreements. Recent changes to our rules and procedures on environmental compliance and historic preservation requirements will be covered on the first day. Working with Tribes with respect to the NHPA and complying with Endangered Species Act requirements will also be covered. The second day of the workshop will address public safety-related issues and other topics.

AGENDA

Day 1: NEPA and NHPA

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9:00 AM	welcome.	Introductions,	ana	Lagistics

Suzanne Tetreault, Deputy Bureau Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Jiaming Shang, Acting Deputy Chief, Competition and Infrastructure Policy Division (CIPD)

9:20 AM The NEPA Process at the FCC

Erica Rosenberg, Assistant Chief, CIPD

10:30 AM Break

10:45 AM Endangered Species and Migratory Birds Issues

Joelle Gehring, Biologist, FCC

Eric Kershner, Branch Chief, Conservation, Permits, and Regulation, Division of Migratory Bird Management, US Fish and Wildlife Service

12:15 PM Lunch Break

1:30 PM Changes to Tribal Participation Requirements for Section 106 Review under the NPA

Jill Springer, Federal Preservation Officer (FPO), FCC

Matthew Duchesne, Chief, Office of Native Affairs and Policy

Jaime Loichinger, Acting Assistant Director, Federal Permitting, Licensing and

Assistance, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

2:30 PM Working with Tribes: TCNS and Other Form Changes

Diane Dupert, Division Chief, Technologies, Systems and Innovation Division

Leon Jackler, Senior Counsel, CIPD

Maira Delao, Telecommunications Specialist, CIPD

3:15 PM Break

3:30 PM Hot Topics in Section 106 Compliance

Jill Springer, FPO, FCC

Paul D'Ari, Special Counsel, CIPD

Saurbh Chhabra, Senior Electronics Engineer, WTB

4:30 PM Wrap-Up and Adjourn

Jiaming Shang, Acting Deputy Chief, CIPD

Day 2: Public Safety Topics

9:00 AM Introduction

David Furth, Deputy Bureau Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau

9:15 AM NHPA/NEPA Compliance for Public Safety Entities

John Adams, Attorney-Advisor, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau,

Policy and Licensing Division

10:00 AM FirstNet

Claudia Wayne, Environmental Justice Coordinator, FirstNet

10:30 AM Break

10:45 AM Siting in Floodplains

Joelle Gehring, Biologist, FCC

Ted Boling, Associate Director for NEPA, Council on Environmental Quality Rachel Sears, Director, Floodplain Management Division, Federal Emergency

Management Agency

Jimmy Miller, President, Miller Co. Inc. of Gulfport, Mississippi

12:15 PM ASR and Broadcast Tower Issues

Mike Wagner, Assistant Division Chief, Media Bureau

Jennifer Flynn, Attorney-Advisor, CIPD

12:40 PM Making Towers Bird-friendly

Joelle Gehring, Biologist, FCC

1:00 PM Wrap-up and Adjourn

Jiaming Shang, Acting Deputy Chief, CIPD

Attendance: This workshop is open to the public. All in person attendees are advised to arrive approximately 30 minutes prior to the start of the workshop to allow time to go through security.

<u>Instruction for Webcast:</u> The FCC will live stream the workshop on its website. To view the workshop, please go to <u>www.fcc.gov/live</u> the day of the workshop. Viewers may submit questions by e-mail to <u>livequestions@fcc.gov</u>.

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