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See MCI v. FCC, 515 F.2d 385 (D.C. Cir. 1974).

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INTERNATIONAL BUREAU AND OFFICE OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY ANNOUNCE UPCOMING MEETING FOR INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION ULTRAWIDEBAND TASK GROUP

The FCC's International Bureau (IB) and Office of Engineering and Technology (OET) announce the third international meeting of the International Telecommunication Union – Radiocommunication Sector (ITU-R) Task Group (TG) 1/8 on compatibility between Ultra-wideband (UWB) and radiocommunication services in Boston, MA from June 9-18, 2004. On December 18, 2003, ITU-R TG 1/8 released a circular letter inviting participation and explaining administrative details of the meeting. The official ITU-R circular letter is available on the Internet at: <http://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?type=sitems&lang=e&parent=R00-SG01-CIR-0061>.

The United States was the first administration to develop rules for the introduction of UWB devices. See Revision of Part 15 of the Commission's Rules Regarding Ultra-Wideband Transmission Systems, *First Report and Order*, 17 FCC Rcd 7435 (2002). Government and industry are participating in the ITU-R TG 1/8 with the objective of developing international standards and recommendations to protect existing radiocommunication services, while exploiting the benefits of the technology for the international community. The Boston meeting will include exhibits, demonstrations, hardware prototypes, and information presenting the business projections for the introduction of UWB technology in the United States. Mr. Gary Anderson, CEO of Uraxs Communication, Inc. is the chair of the organizing committee. Further information on these details is available by contacting Mr. Gary Anderson by telephone at (978) 521-4224, by fax at (270) 626-7652, by email at G@uraxs.com, or on the Internet at www.uraxs.com.

Parties who wish to participate in the meeting as a member of the United States delegation to the meeting should contact Mr. Ron Chase, the chairman of United States TG 1/8, by telephone at (202) 418-1378 or by email at Ron.Chase@fcc.gov. For further information, contact Mr. Chase, or Mr. William Luther by telephone at (202) 418-0729 or by email at William.Luther@fcc.gov.

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