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FCC SPECTRUM POLICY TASK FORCE ANNOUNCES INTERNET DATABASE TO TRACK COMMISSION SPECTRUM PROCEEDINGS

Washington, D.C. - The Federal Communications Commission's Spectrum Policy Task Force (SPTF) has launched a new Internet tracking tool to access information on FCC spectrum-related proceedings.

The Internet tracking tool is part of the Task Force's efforts to improve access to information on the Commission's ongoing spectrum-related proceedings and initiatives. The listing is intended to provide the public, industry researchers and other interested parties one place on the FCC's website where these proceedings and initiatives are listed, with one- or two-click access to public comments, Commission documents and other related materials. To access the tracking tool, go to the link on the Task Force's homepage at http://www.fcc.gov/sptf/ and click on the "Proceedings & Initiatives" hyperlink. Currently, 30 ongoing proceedings are listed.

The Spectrum Policy Task Force was established by FCC Chairman Michael Powell in June 2002. In November 2002, the Task Force issued a Report containing a number of specific recommendations for spectrum policy reform. A product of staff-level analysis and findings, rather than formal Commission action, the Task Force Report has drawn significant interest, both domestically and internationally. Early in 2003, over 130 formal comments and replies were filed in response to the Report. It has also been the subject of discussions between Commission staff and their counterparts in nine countries and the European Union, which have recently completed or are undertaking similar policy reviews. The Commission has commenced a number of proceedings to implement the Task Force Report's recommendations.

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