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INFRASTRUCTURE DEPLOYMENT CONFERENCE CALL CONSULTATION FOR TRIBAL NATIONS SCHEDULED FOR MAY 25, 2017 AT 1:00 PM EDT

WT Docket No. 17-79

By this Public Notice, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB) and the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau's Office of Native Affairs and Policy (ONAP) announce an upcoming Tribal conference call Consultation on a recently-adopted Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Notice of Inquiry entitled *Accelerating Wireless Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment (NPRM/NOI)*.¹

The conference call will be held from **1:00 pm EDT to 4:00 pm EDT on May 25, 2017**.

The *NPRM/NOI* opened an examination of the regulatory impediments to wireless network infrastructure investment and deployment, including impediments associated with the Commission's National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 review process, and the Commission has requested comment from the public on how the Commission may remove or reduce such impediments consistent with the law and the public interest. A copy of the *NPRM/NOI* can be found at: <https://www.fcc.gov/document/fcc-takes-steps-to-promote-wireless-broadband-deployment>.

In furtherance of the Commission's express desire to work with Tribal governments on proposals involving the Section 106 review process, WTB and ONAP will hold a conference call to review the questions raised by the *NPRM/NOI*. WTB and ONAP will also cover instructions on filing comments in the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS).

This Consultation with Tribal and Native officials is in furtherance of the Commission's government-to-government relationship as described in the Commission's Tribal Policy Statement.² Attendance will be limited to elected and appointed leaders or duly appointed representatives of federally-recognized Tribal Nations and Native Hawaiian Organizations (NHOs).

¹ *Accelerating Wireless Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment*, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Notice of Inquiry, WT Docket No. 17-79, FCC 17-38 (rel. Apr. 21, 2017).

² *Statement of Policy on Establishing a Government-to-Government Relationship with Indian Tribes*, Policy Statement, 16 FCC Rcd 4078, 4081 (2000) ("Tribal Policy Statement").

To register, send an email requesting the conference call information to Tribalinfrastructure@fcc.gov. Please include in your email your name, and the Tribe you represent. Once registered you will receive a confirmation email with instructions for joining the event.

In the *NPRM/NOI*, the Commission modified its *ex parte* rules with respect to the *NPRM/NOI*.³ Tribal Nations and NHOs, like other interested parties, should file comments, reply comments, and *ex parte* presentations in the record in order to put facts and arguments before the Commission in a manner such that they may be relied upon in the decision-making process. The Commission, however, has exempted *ex parte* presentations involving elected and appointed leaders, and duly appointed representatives, of federally-recognized Tribal Nations and NHOs from the disclosure requirements in permit-but-disclose proceedings (47 CFR 1.1206) and the prohibitions on presentations during the Sunshine Agenda period (47 CFR 1.1203). Specifically, presentations from elected and appointed leaders or duly appointed representatives of federally-recognized Tribal Nations or NHOs to Commission decision makers shall be exempt from disclosure. To be clear, while the Commission recognizes that Consultation is critically important, we emphasize that the Commission will rely in its decision-making only on those materials that are placed in the public record for this proceeding.

Reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. Send an email to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice) or 202-418-0432 (TTY). Please include a description of the accommodation you will need and tell us how to contact you. Requests for special accommodation should be made as early as possible. Last minute requests will be accepted but may be impossible to fill.

For additional information about the conference call, please contact Daniel Margolis, ONAP Legal Advisor, at Daniel.Margolis@fcc.gov or (202) 418-1377 or Jill Springer, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, at Jill.Springer@fcc.gov or (202) 418-1345. For additional information about registration for the conference call, please contact Carolyn Conyers, ONAP Policy Advisor, at Carolyn.Conyers@fcc.gov or 202-418-2002. For additional information about Tribal Consultation and the *NPRM/NOI* generally, please see <https://www.fcc.gov/native>.

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³ *NPRM/NOI*, FCC 17-38 at para. 103.