

Mr. Donald Abelson
Chief of the International Bureau
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Mr. Abelson:

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), on behalf of the Executive Branch Agencies, objects to the release of a draft Executive Branch proposal for WRC-03 agenda item 1.23. The objection to a proposal for this agenda item considers the federal agency inputs toward the development of U.S. Proposals for WRC-03.

NTIA objects to the proposal WAC-116, which is contained in the FCC Public Notice DA 02-1415, dated: June 17, 2002. The primary conclusion, a strong one, is it would not serve the United States well at WRC-03 to propose additional amateur service allocations for Regions 1 & 3. It should be up to the administrations of these two Regions to consider the material in the CPM report and other sources to determine if the fixed service and broadcasting service in their Regions should be affected by an increased allocation to the amateur service.

It is NTIA's recommendation that "No Proposal" should be submitted from this administration for agenda item 1.23. Jim Vorhies from my staff will contact Alexander Roytblat and reconcile any differences between NTIA and FCC views.

Sincerely,

(Original Signed on November 15, 2002)
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Acting Associate Administrator