

WRC-03 ADVISORY COMMITTEE

INFORMAL WORKING GROUP 7 (IWG-7)

Regulatory Issues and Future Agendas

Meeting Minutes

Meeting: Ninth Meeting of IWG-7

Date/Time: January 31, 2002, 1:00 – 3:00 PM

Location: The Boeing Company, 1200 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia

Committee Members Present: A. Allison (Chairperson), K. Baum (Vice Chairperson), L. Reed, A. Roytlat, V. Harris, F. Williams, D. Spalt, C. Holiday, R. Frank, C. Rivera, J. Carroll, G. Creaser, W. Ireland, B. Mitani, G. Rappoport, T. Walsh, R. Wright, J. Zoller, S. Hutchings, D. Jansky, T. Bidault, N. Beebe, A. Rinker, and T. Sullivan.

FCC Employees Present: L. Reed (FCC Coordinator) and A. Roytlat

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Introductions/Administrative Matters: The meeting was open to the public. After the participants introduced themselves, the revised draft agenda for this meeting (Doc. IWG-7/048 (01.31.02)) and the minutes of the previous meeting (Doc. IWG-7/048 (01.14.02)) were approved.

Updates from Recent Meetings: The meeting briefly discussed the latest full WAC meeting and noted that a deadline of July had been set for draft proposals on future conference agenda items.¹ With respect to activities of US Working Party 4A and the Informal Space Working Group, the convenors of the groups discussed ongoing efforts to automate Article S5 and simplify Article S4. The latter activity could lead to future WRC proposals. Regarding preparations for SCRPM, the convenor of that US preparatory group noted that there are four Rapporteur groups and that we should utilize SCRPM as a further opportunity to get our story across. Regarding RAG preparations, there was a brief discussion of the WRC-03 structure activities, including a recent document from the UK. Industry members expressed a desire to participate in developing a US view for the upcoming meeting of the WRC-03 Informal Group. There was no relevant information to report on SATBAG preparations. Finally, the results of the recent CEPT PT1 meeting (Doc. IWG-7/055 (01.29.02)) were discussed under the next agenda item.

Agenda Item 1.30 (Simplification of Satellite Procedures): The meeting reviewed a draft proposal (Doc. IWG-7/054 (01.29.02)) on Resolution 86 (Minneapolis, 1998) which is currently under consideration in the ITAC-PP. The IWG-7 meeting discussed this in conjunction with outputs of PT1 regarding WRC-03 agenda item 1.30 and the contemplated conversion of RRB Rules of Procedure into the Radio Regulations. Mr. Jansky noted that a US position was needed in time for Working Party 4A in April where final recommendations will be made by the

¹ The Chairman erroneously identified September as the deadline for future conference agenda items. However, later research revealed that this date is July.

Working Party for draft CPM text under this agenda item. The group concluded that conversion of ROPs to RRs should be made on a case-by-case basis. The draft Plenipotentiary Conference proposal will be further considered in the ITAC.

A brief discussion followed on Resolution 49 (Rev. WRC-2000), including review of activities in CEPT PT1. Some members recalled the US proposals to WRC-97 which had advocated a stronger approach to Administrative Due Diligence than that which resulted. The next meeting of IWG-7 will re-examine those proposals in its further consideration of revisions to Resolution 49.

The meeting next discussed recent developments on Resolution 80 (Rev. WRC-2000), including a contribution by Colombia to the RAG and RRB (Doc. IWG-7/053(01.29.02)) and responses being undertaken by Europe (Doc. IWG-7/055(01.29.02)). Following a discussion on what position the US should take at upcoming international meetings where this matter may arise, the meeting decided to review the RRB's input to WRC-2000 on this issue at the next IWG-7 meeting.

Finally, the Chair noted that NTIA had approved the revised Preliminary View on Agenda Item 1.30[c] that had been prepared by IWG-7 (Doc. IWG-7/057(01.31.02)).

Agenda Item 4 (Review of Resolutions and Recommendations): The meeting approved an NTIA Proposal (Doc. IWG-7/051(01.28.02)) to suppress Resolution 63 under Agenda Item 4. This had also been a US Proposal to WRC-2000.

The meeting next reviewed three documents simultaneously: the revised draft of US Views on all Resolutions and Recommendations (Doc. IWG-7/030(01.04.02)); the Director, BR's RAG contribution, General Review of Resolutions and Recommendations (Doc. IWG-7/052(01.28.02)); and Teledesic's comments on both documents (Doc. IWG-7/056(01.31.02)). The meeting proceeded to compare the differences between the FCC draft and the BR draft and entertained further discussion of several items, included those Resolutions referenced in Teledesic's paper. Changes will be made to Doc. 30 to reflect this discussion.

Future Meetings: The next meeting will be held on March 14th, at Boeing (1200 Wilson Boulevard, Rosslyn, Virginia) from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Documents Distributed: IWG-7/050, 049, 054, 055, 053, 051, 030, 052, 056.