

**Meeting Minutes**  
**FCC WRC-07 Advisory Committee**  
**IWG-4, Broadcasting and Amateur Issues**  
**Law Offices of Pillsbury-Winthrop-Shaw-Pittman**  
**2300 N. St., N.W.**  
**Washington, DC**

**Doc.IWG-4/88 (09.11.2005)**

**Meeting:** Tenth meeting of IWG-4

**Date/Time:** 9 November 2005, 9:30 AM

**Location:** Law Offices of Pillsbury-Winthrop-Shaw-Pittman, 2300 N St., N.W.,  
Washington, DC

**Committee Members present:**

Ben Fisher, Chairman  
Walt Ireland, Vice Chairman  
Rockie Patterson, FCC Coordinator

**Attendees:** There were 30 attendees, including 6 FCC, 5 government representatives  
and 12 on the phone bridge.

**Scribe:** Walt Ireland

**Meeting Summary:**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:35 AM and welcomed the group. The attendees then introduced themselves and the organization(s) they represented.

- Walt Ireland was approved as the designated scribe.
- Agenda: The agenda was approved as modified.
- Minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved.
- **NTIA was thanked for providing the telephone bridge for this meeting.**

**Old Business:**

There was no new discussion relating to Agenda Item 1.6, Res. **414 (WRC-03)**, allocations for the aeronautical mobile (R) between 108 MHz and 6 GHz, and the need to protect the broadcasting service. IWG-4 continues to await the results of interference studies being conducted by the National Association of Broadcasters (**NAB**).

## **New Business:**

**1. WRC-07 Agenda Item 1.11.** In view of the number of documents related to this agenda item and their general theme, Ireland suggested that there was sufficient information for the development of a Draft US Proposal, and that they not be numbered or discussed at this meeting. Ireland stated that he will provide IWG-4 document numbers at a later date (**Listed below**).

- Ms. Christine De Lapi, Motorola, volunteered to review the numerous documents and to prepare the Draft US Position for presentation at the next IWG-4 meeting. It was suggested that the latest PCC.II output document and the latest ITU0R WP-6E CPM text be considered as a guides in its preparation.
- The IWG-4 Document numbers for AI-1.11 are:

- **IWG-4/82** (11.09.2005) C.Di Lapi, E-mail w/FCC ref AI-1.11
- **IWG-4/83** (11.09.2005) 6S/TEMP/90, WRC-07 AI-1.11, Protection, Radionavigation Systems
- **IWG-4/84** (11.09.2005) 6S/TEMP/91, WRC-07 AI-1.11, Characteristics of BSS Systems
- **IWG-4/85** (11.09.2005) 6S/TEMP/92, WRC-07 AI-1.11, Protection, Radionavigation Systems
- **IWG-4/86** (11.09.2005) M. Lynch, E-mail to IWG-4, AI-1.11
- **IWG-4/87** (11.09.2005) 6E/TEMP/148\_R3, AI-1.11, Preliminary Draft New Report

**2. WRC-04 Agenda Item 1.13.** As anticipated, this agenda item was the major issue of discussion for the remainder of the meeting. Although this agenda item includes three Resolutions to be considered by IWG-4, Resolution **544 (WRC-03)** continues to be the most controversial.

## **Background:**

- The National Telecommunications and Information Administration's (**NTIA**) Government draft US Proposal, **IWG-4/61**, recommended, among other things, that Resolution **544 (WRC-03)** be suppressed. This document was for review only by IWG-4 and was **noted**.
- HF Industry Association (**HFIA**) presented **IWG-4/62**, an information paper expressing concern that HF technology advancements were progressing rapidly in the public/private sector and cautioned against the reallocation of the current HF spectrum allocations. This document was **tabled**.
- The National Association of Shortwave Broadcasters (**NASB**), **IWG-4/66**, presented a Draft Proposal that recommended 700 kHz of additional spectrum in the HF bands between 4-10 MHz be allocated to the broadcasting service. Consensus could not be obtained and the document was **tabled**.

- Globe Wireless submitted a Draft Proposal, **IWG-4/72**, recommended, among other things, that Resolution **544 (WRC-03)** be suppressed. Consensus between IWG-4 documents **IWG-4/62, 66 and 72** could not be obtained at this meeting and this document was **tabled**.

Dept. of Justice Representative, Mrs. Merri Jo Gamble, requested clarification of an NASB news article (Document IWG-4/70) which appeared to be inconsistent with numerous statements made by Mr. Messer (representing NASB) and the NASB's initial draft Proposal.

Emergency and Disaster Communications and Relief representatives from the Federal Emergency Management Administration (**FEMA**) and from the States of **Arkansas, California, Illinois, Kentucky, Texas and New Mexico** (on the phone bridge) provided e-mail/written concerns for keeping their current allocations/assignments and to provide no additional HF allocations to the broadcasting service and the possibility of losing currently allocated/assigned frequency spectrum in the HF band 4-10 MHz. They stated that the FCC frequencies currently assigned to them are inadequate, in both the amount of spectrum and the location of frequencies in the HF spectrum.

The FEMA representative claimed that adjacent-channel interference was being experienced from private HF broadcasters using about 12 out-of-band (OOB) frequencies allocated to the Fixed Service, and requested that NTIA to have the FCC stop assigning these frequencies to the private HF broadcasters.

FEMA and State officials further noted that sharing with the HF broadcasters was not acceptable because they would not have sufficient time to notify broadcasters in the U.S. and worldwide to vacate the frequencies when a major disaster occurs in the U.S.

At this point, the discussion came to a stalemate. In order to overcome this and to continue discussion and to find a way forward, FCC Representative, Alex Roytblat suggested a possible compromise solution; to submit a draft Proposal that recommends non-exclusive use of the Fixed and Mobile Services' allocations by the Broadcasting Service on a Foot-Noted (in the RR) pre-emptive basis in the event of a national emergency. This suggestion resulted in considerable comments on its non-workability.

Mr. Ireland stated that this non-affective discussion could continue for the rest of the day without resolution and suggested that Mr. Roytblat's recommendation be a starting point to consider; and to allow a draft Proposal be developed for the next IWG-4 meeting. It was agreed that Mr. Messer (representing NASB) would prepare the Proposal and share it with Mr. James Byrd (representing Homeland Security), who would work on language for the Foot-Note. This was agreed.

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 1200pm.

**Next meeting:** To be determined.

**Attachments:**

- Doc. IWG-4/ , Agenda, 10<sup>th</sup> Mtg, 9 Nov 2005
- Doc. IWG-4/69, Attendance List, 10<sup>th</sup> Mtg, 9 Nov 2005
- Doc.IWG-4/2(R.10) Document List, 10<sup>th</sup> Mtg, 9 Nov 2005

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