

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-4/100 (01.10.2006)

Meeting: Eleventh meeting of IWG-4

Date/Time: 10 January 2006, 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 10th meeting of 9 November 2005 were approved.
- **NTIA was thanked for providing the telephone bridge for this meeting.**

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. NTIA's Proposals on WRC-07 AI-1.6 was noted with agreement. It was suggested that IWG-4's document also refer to the footnotes in this document (IWG-4/91)

2. IWG-4/92. David Layer, NAB, presented its Draft Liaison Statement (USWP-6E/4) concerning WRC-07 AI-1.6 from WP-6E to WP-8B was presented for information.

3. WRC-04 Agenda Item 1.13. As anticipated, this agenda item was the major issue of discussion at this 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:

IWG-4 received a draft proposal on AI-1.13 from NTIA, **Doc.IWG-4/61** which, among other things, recommended the suppression of ITU-R **Res.544 (WRC-03)**. In other words, 'No additional spectrum allocations to the Broadcasting Service in the band 4-10 MHz'. This proposal reflects the views of the U.S. Government agencies and was provided to IWG-4 for information only.

IWG-4 received a draft Proposal; **Doc.IWG-4/66**, from the National Association of Shortwave Broadcasters (NASB), which defined the requirement for up to 850 kHz of additional spectrum within the band 4-10 MHz for the Broadcasting Service.(**Tabled**)

IWG-4 received a draft Proposal, **Doc.IWG-4/72** from Globe Wireless, LLC.. Which, among other things, recommended the suppression of Res. **544 (WRC-03)**. In other words, 'No additional spectrum allocations to the Broadcasting Service in the band 4-10 MHz'. (**Tabled**).

IWG-4 had received numerous letters from State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) representatives expressing concerns with losing spectrum to or sharing with HF broadcasters in the band 4-10 MHz. In other words, 'No additional spectrum allocations to the Broadcasting Service in the band 4-10 MHz'.

Doc.IWG-4/94. Mr. Messer introduced a compromise draft Proposal designed to consider the concerns expressed by numerous activities to previous proposals, the NTIA proposal and the concerns of State EOC representatives,. This compromise proposal recommends:

- Modification to Resolution 351 (consistent with the proposal from NTIA (**Doc.IWG-4/61**))
- Allocation of 350 kHz of additional spectrum (rather than up-to 850 kHz) to the Broadcasting Service on a CO-PRIMARY basis with Fixed and Mobile services allocated in the band.
- This proposal specifically excludes any consideration of spectrum allocated to the Maritime Mobile Service within appendices 17 and 25 to satisfy Resolution 544 (consistent with concerns expressed by Globe Wireless, LLC).

- Additional regulatory provision to facilitate preemption of broadcasting operations on the subject frequencies in the event of natural disasters and/or public safety emergencies (to ensure effectiveness of this provision its text will need to be reviewed/revised by ITU regulatory experts at FCC/NTIA).
- Suppression of Resolution 729 (consistent with the proposal from NTIA (**Doc.IWG-4/61**))
- Additional new resolution on Bandwidth Requirements for Advanced Fixed and Mobile HF Technologies in the 3 – 30 MHz Band (consistent with the proposal from NTIA (**Doc.IWG-4/61**))

Following considerable discussion, concurrence of **Doc.IWG-4/94** was obtained from two NASB members and the EOC representative from the State of **New Mexico**. The NASB withdrew its draft Proposal. However, in view of the absence of the other industry representatives and State EOCs, it was determined to send this letter and a copy of **Doc. IWG-4/94** to the IWG-4 mailing list for one last response prior to forwarding it to the WAC for presentation at its public meeting scheduled for 25 January 2006 at the FCC at 11:00 am.

It was suggested that Globe Wireless be contacted to determine its position on its draft Proposal. Ireland agreed to call Globe Wireless on the phone the next day.

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

Next meeting: To be determined

Attachments:

- Doc. IWG-4/100 , Agenda, 11th Mtg, 10 Jan 2006
- Doc. IWG-4/101, Attendance List, 11th Mtg, 10 Jan 2006
- Doc.IWG-4/2(R.11) Document List, 11th Mtg, 10 Jan 2006

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