

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-4/69 (09.09.2005)

Meeting: Ninth meeting of IWG-4

Date/Time: 9 September 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 10 attendees, including 2 FCC, 2 government representatives
and 3 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.
- Minutes of the 8th meeting were approved.
- **Nortel 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:

The National Association of Shortwave Broadcasters (NASB) presented its Draft Proposal on WRC-07 Agenda Item 1.13, *taking into account Resolutions 729 (WRC-97), 351 (WRC-03) and 544 (WRC-03), to review the allocations to all services in the HF bands between 4 MHz and 10 MHz, excluding those allocations to services in the frequency range 7 000-7 200 kHz and those bands whose allotment plans are in Appendices 25, 26 and 27 and whose channeling arrangements are in Appendix 17, taking into account the impact of new modulation techniques, adaptive control techniques and the spectrum requirements for HF broadcasting:* (Doc.IWG-4/66)

This was the first time that IWG-4 members had seen this document, so it was **tabled** for further review.

Emergency and Disaster Communications and Relief representatives from the States of California, Illinois and New Mexico (on the phone bridge) expressed concern of the possibility of losing currently allocated/assigned frequency spectrum in the HF band 4-10 MHz. They stated that what the FCC has assigned to them is currently inadequate, in both the amount of spectrum and the location of frequencies assigned. It was noted that sharing with the HF broadcasters is not acceptable because they would not have sufficient time to notify broadcasters to vacate the frequencies when a major disaster occurs.

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting.

Next meeting: To be determined

Attachments:

- Doc. IWG-4/63, Agenda, 9th Mtg, 9 Sep 2005
- Doc. IWG-4/69, Attendance List, 9th Mtg, 9 Sep 2005
- Doc.IWG-4/2(R.9) Document List, 9th Mtg, 9 Sep 2005