

**WRC-07 ADVISORY COMMITTEE
INFORMAL WORKING GROUP 5 (IWG-5)
Regulatory Issues
Draft Minutes**

Meeting: Fourteenth Meeting of IWG-5

Date/Time: September 8, 2005, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location: The Boeing Company, 1200 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22209

1. Introduction: The meeting was open to the public.

Committee members Present: A. Allison (Chair), K. Baum (Vice-Chair), A. Khalilzadeh, A. Maimo, L. Reed, A. Renshaw, F. Williams, G. Creeser, E. Davison, S. Hutchison, J. Cramer (phone), J. Wengryniuk, J. Zoller, C. Holiday, R. Wright, A. Roytlat (phone), T. Walsh (phone), D. Evans (phone)

FCC Employees Present: L. Reed, A. Roytlat (phone)

Minutes Preparer: A. Khalilzadeh

2. Approval of Agenda: The Draft Agenda (*Document IWG-5/048*) was approved.

3. Approval of Minutes of 13th Meeting (Document IWG-5/046)

The draft minutes of the thirteenth meeting were reviewed and approved as modified. Specifically, two modifications were proposed by Larry Reed (FCC) and accepted by IWG-5.

The first modification pertained to the fifth bullet of Agenda Item 4, where the paragraph was changed to read as follows:

"There was much discussion on the outcome of the Satellite Network Cost Recovery (SNCR) issues. The charges have increased approximately 80%, but now include caps. Resolution 49 was included in the notification ~~charges~~ costs but will not be separately invoiced. Cancelled filings will not be reinstated. "

The second modification pertained to the RRB section of Agenda Item 4, where the paragraph was changed to read as follows:

“Jim Carroll reported that the next meeting is at the end of September. The Board is preparing an item concerning the transferal of item to be transferred from the Rules of Procedure into the Radio Regulations.”

4. Update on Regional Preparations

CITEL PCC.II: Julie Zoller, who chairs the applicable CITEL sub-group, gave a brief presentation on the activities of the last CITEL meeting that took place in Guatemala City, Guatemala as they pertain to IWG-5 agenda items, with the exception of AI1.10.

With regard to AI1.1, there was not change to the current U.S. preliminary review, which has received support from U.S., Argentina, Canada, and Dominican Republic.

With regard to AI1.12, the U.S. preliminary views were well received and supported by the administrations Colombia, Argentina and Canada as well as a number of other administrations. It was noted that with respect to AI1.12 and AI7.1, CEPT is considering application of a coordination arc approach in the 1 – 3 GHz frequency band, with a coordination arc of $\pm 166^\circ$.

Additionally, the administration of New Zealand proposed that unallocated services operating within the envelope of another allotment or allocation should receive the same protection as the allocation/allotment. CEPT has formed a position opposing the New Zealand proposal.

With regard to AI1.12, there was very little action with regard to incorporating pertinent sections of the Rules of Procedure (“ROP”) into the Radio Regulations.

Simplification of the Radio Regulations was supported by a number of administrations. However, the U.S. position is that it is not in favor of rewriting the current Radio Regulations but rather making appropriate changes to provide further clarification (to the reader).

Lastly, Brazil and one other country are proposing for another CITEL meeting after the conclusion of the CPM.

With regard to AI2, U.S., Argentina, Dominican Republic and US indicated that no changes to Resolutions 27 or 28 are needed.

With regard to Agenda Items 3, 5, 6 and 7.1, no views have been developed yet.

With regard to Agenda Item 4, Canada has a preliminary view with regard to the cancellation of resolutions of previous conferences.

It was thought that at the next CITEL meeting in Costa Rica, U.S. will likely propose deletion of Resolution 49.

Cecily Holiday noted that the next U.S. preparatory meeting for CITEL is on Tuesday, September 13th and that there would be a new chairman of the CITEL WRC-07 Working Group due to the departure of Paula Cordoba from the Argentine government.

5. Update on Recently Concluded Related International Meetings

There were no international meetings to consider. PT1 and RRB are scheduled to meet in September. The results of these meetings will be considered by the next meeting of IWG-5.

6. Update on Related Domestic Meetings

An RCS meeting took place earlier in September 2005. IWG-5 is expecting to receive some documents from this meeting, following IRAC approval.

With regard to US Working Party 4A, there were no significant updates to report. However, it was noted that US Working Party 4A had concluded that a definition of HEOs should be not be included in the Director's Report or in Article 1 of the Radio Regulations.

7. Liaison From IWG-1

Document IWG-5-47 was introduced by Jack Wengryniuk. This document pertains to the operation of Meteorological Satellites ("Metsats") in the 18.0 – 18.4 GHz band. There were two issues to consider by IWG-5.

The first issue was whether this proposal belongs under ITU Agenda Items 1.2 and/or 1.12 or 4. IWG-1 believes that the second part of the proposal is consequential to the allocation part of the proposal and there should remain attached to it under AI 1.2.

The second issue was whether the proposal was complete.

After some debate between the FCC, NTIA and others, IWG-5 reached the conclusion that:

"It has reviewed the proposal and that it does not feel that it needs to be submitted separately under a regulatory proposal and that the proposal is complete."

8. Status of Work Assigned Agenda Items & Preparation of Preliminary Views and Draft Proposals

- Agenda Item 1.1: Deletion of Country Footnotes (CITEL Common View)
No comments were expressed by IWG-5 members.
- Agenda Item 1.10: Appendix 30B (CITEL Common View)
Document IWG-5/49 was introduced by Abdolmajid Khalilzadeh of PanAmSat. One member commented that reference to administration's authority to regulate the operation transmit and receive earth stations should be removed, at least at this stage. Another noted that the document was not in the correct format. Specifically, the U.S. position is not provided in the last section of the document. The IWG-5 chair requested that the aforementioned changes be made to the document with the revised version provided by Monday, September 12, 2005 so that it could be submitted in a timely fashion to the WAC for its consideration.
- Agenda Item 1.12 : Regulatory Issues (CITEL Common View)

Eddie Davison (NTIA) indicated that the government is considering proposing modifications to the table in Appendix 4. Specifically, with regard to the ITU Advanced Publication Information for non-geostationary networks not subject to coordination, NTIA may propose to make the submission of a number of Appendix 4 technical information mandatory rather than “optional”. Participants noted that this would also be an opportune time for commercial operators to provide a list of those Appendix 4 information elements which they believe should be designated as “optional” rather than a mandatory.

- Agenda Item 2: Incorporation by Reference (CITEL Common View)
The tables produced by Charles Glass (NTIA) regarding AI2 and AI4 were approved by the RCS. Hopefully, these documents will be available for review at the next meeting of IWG-5. Additionally, IWG-5 members were recommended to review PT1 document 61.
- Agenda Item 4: Resolutions and Recommendations
The Chair of IWG-5 indicated that the group needs to develop its positions with regard to the Resolutions listed under this (IWG-5) agenda item. However, it was noted that IWG-5 has already developed its position regarding Resolutions 26 and 27.
- Agenda Item 7.1: Report of the Director, BR
No comments
- Agenda Item 7.2: Future Agendas
Larry Reed (FCC) indicated that RCS has approved a proposal regarding the identification of additional frequencies in the 275 – 3000 GHz band pursuant to No. 5.565. There is a Working Party 1A document that is in circulation dealing with this issue.

9. Future Meetings

The next meeting of IWG-5 is planned for October 20, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.

10. Other Business

Frank Williams (State) noted that proposals for the 2006 Plenipotentiary Conference are required six months prior to the Conference – a deadline of March 2006. Mr. Williams also indicated that during the RAG preparations there had already been productive discussion on several topics associated with document CA-145.