FINAL MINUTES

**Minutes of the Sixth Meeting of the FCC Advisory Committee
for the
2007 World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-07)**

Date/Time: June 22, 2005 at 11:00 a.m.

Location: Federal Communications Commission
Commission Meeting Room (TW-C305)
445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C.

Committee Members Present: See Appendix 1

FCC Employees Present: See Appendix 2

Meeting Summary:

1. Opening Remarks

The Chair welcomed the participants and noted that the committee was about at the halfway point, time-wise, and that there were number of difficult issues yet to be settled. She said it was important that everyone get energized so that positions could be developed in time for the October CITEL meeting.

2. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda, Document **WAC/054(22.06.05)**, was approved without change.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Fifth Meeting

The minutes, Document **WAC/053(04.04.05)**, were approved without change.

4. Report on Recent WRC-07 Preparatory Meetings

Mr. Roytblat highlighted several WRC-07 issues that had been considered at the two regional meetings held since the last meeting of the advisory committee. He identified those where the U.S. did not yet have a position as areas where the work of the informal working groups should be focused. He encouraged the participants to read the reports from the fifth meeting of CITEL PCC II Working Group for the Preparation for WRC-07, Document **WAC/055(22.06.05)**, and the fourth meeting of the CEPT WRC-07 Conference Preparatory Group, Document **WAC/056(22.06.05)**, to be aware of the progress of regional preparations. He also reported that the both the U.K. and Holland had identified candidates that each are proposing to nominate for

Chair of the 2007 World Radiocommunication Conference.

These documents were noted for information.

5. NTIA Draft Preliminary Views and Proposals

The Chair thanked the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) for the draft proposals that they sent to the FCC via NTIA letters dated March 29, April 15 and April 20 and noted that the draft proposals were being reviewed by the informal working groups. She added that some of the groups had comments on these that they would address in their reports today while others still had them under consideration.

The NTIA letters, Documents **WAC/057(22.06.05)**, **WAC/058(22.06.05)**, and **WAC/059(22.06.05)** were noted.

6. IWG Status Reports and Consideration of Draft Preliminary Views and Proposals

IWG-1: Terrestrial and Space Science Services

Ms. Martin, the Vice-Chair of IWG-1, reported that her group had met once since the last meeting of the advisory committee. Referring to the recent draft proposals offered by NTIA, she stated that the group approved the NTIA draft proposals for WRC-07 Agenda Items 1.5 and 1.14 and had no opposition or comments on the draft proposal for WRC-07 Agenda Item 1.6. They had taken note of the draft proposal for WRC-07 Agenda Item 1.12 and had either taken note of, or had no comment on, the others.

The Vice-Chair announced that they planned to have their next meetings on July 19 and September 8 and encouraged all those interested to participate.

IWG-2: Satellite Services and HAPS

Mr. Baruch, the Chair of IWG-2, reported that his group had no meetings since the last meeting of the advisory committee. He said that his group had an interest in NTIA's draft proposal (Document **WAC/057(22.06.05)**) concerning the removal of Resolution 136 under WRC-07 Agenda Item 7.2 and that they would take a look at it at their next meeting scheduled for the afternoon of July 14.

IWG-3: IMT-2000 and 2.5 GHz Sharing Issues

Ms. Cohen, the Chair of IWG-3, reported that her group had not met but noted that there was draft CPM text in ITU-R Working Party 8F for WRC-07 Agenda Item 1.4. She further noted that ten administrations had supported the CITEL text for WRC-07 Agenda Item 1.9 and that would hopefully be a starting point for developing positions. The group will be meeting tomorrow (June 23) at 2:00 p.m. to consider the NTIA draft proposals for WRC-07 Agenda Item 7.2, particularly the proposed deletion of Agenda

Item 2.8, concerning terrestrial wireless interactive multimedia applications, from the preliminary agenda of the proposed 2010 World Radiocommunication Conference.

IWG-4: Broadcasting and Amateur Issues

Mr. Ireland, the Vice-Chair of IWG-4, reported that his group had met last on June 16 where they had participation by the National Association of Shortwave Broadcasters (NASB). He said that the NASB would be developing a draft proposal for WRC-07 Agenda Item 1.13 for consideration at the next meeting and noted that this agenda item was becoming one of the more controversial items on the WRC-07 agenda. With respect to WRC-07 Agenda Item 1.6, he stated that the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) now had a contract to do interference studies both to and from the aeronautical mobile service around 108 MHz; there had been no input from aeronautical community so far.

Mr. Ireland expected that they would be having meetings in August and September when they would also have the benefit of the NTIA Radio Conference Subcommittee's (RCS) input on WRC-07 Agenda Item 1.13.

IWG-5: Regulatory Issues

Ms. Baum, the Vice-Chair of IWG-5, reported that her group had met twice since the last meeting of the full committee. She said that they had no documents to present at this meeting but have been actively working. Although there had been much discussion at their last meeting of Resolution 49 concerning "due diligence" information for satellite networks under WRC-07 Agenda Item 1.12 (which is one of the NTIA items in Document **WAC/059(22.06.05)**), they had not come to any conclusion yet. She said that the group had no comment on the NTIA draft proposal for WRC-07 Agenda Item 7.2 from a regulatory perspective. Except for WRC-07 Agenda Items 1.12 and 7.2, she stated that the other draft proposals from NTIA were not within the scope of items to be addressed by IWG-5.

Ms. Baum announced that the next meeting of IWG-5 would be held on July 25, 2:00 p.m., at Boeing where they will be addressing Resolution 49 and a draft proposal for Appendix 30B.

7. Future meetings

Alex Roytblat advised that the ITU Council would be meeting in July where they will be considering budgetary issues that may effect the date of the WRC. The Secretary General of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) had proposed moving the WRC to February or May 2008 in light of budgetary constraints; however, the European position was to keep the conference in 2007.

The Chair announced that the next meeting of the advisory committee had been

tentatively scheduled for 11:00 a.m. on September 14 in the Federal Communication Commission Meeting Room. She pointed out that it was now necessary to turn discussions into draft proposals in order that they may be considered at the October CITEL meeting. The Vice-Chair noted that some of the other countries already have proposals so there will be some very important meetings of the informal working groups before the next meeting of the advisory committee. With certain issues heating up, the Chair asked that these to be treated as priorities by the informal working groups and urged the IWG Chairs to keep abreast of developments elsewhere.

8. Other business

Mr. James Snider of the New America Foundation (NAF) asked to speak from the floor. He said that he was here following spectrum policy matters for NAF but did not find the advisory committee process to be very user friendly. He reported difficulty in following the reports from the informal working groups as he felt that there was too much use of acronyms and too little details provided to be helpful to members of the public attending the meeting.

The Chair said she appreciated his comments and admitted that the matters under discussion tended to be technical and that those who work in this area also initially had to struggle with the many acronyms used. The Chair advised that all of the work was done at the informal working group level and that the informal working groups present those documents receiving consensus within the working groups for the approval by the advisory committee. The Vice-Chair suggested that the best approach would be to attend the meetings of informal working groups to hear the discussions in order to get a feel for the issues involved and to visit the FCC's WRC-07 website (www.fcc.gov/wrc-07) to obtain current information on meeting dates, times and locations. As for the advisory committee meetings, the Chair said that she would encourage the informal working group chairs and vice-chairs to present information (particularly acronyms) in a more helpful way. Mr. Roytblat added that contact information for the FCC Advisors for each of the informal working groups was available on the FCC's website, and that they could be contacted for information.

With there being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for their participation.

The meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

_____

Documents Distributed:

WAC/004   WRC-07 Preparatory Timeline (Updated 22.06.05)
WAC/053   Draft Minutes of the 5th WRC-07 Advisory Committee Meeting
WAC/054   Agenda for the 6th WRC-07 Advisory Committee Meeting
WAC/055   Report from the 5th Meeting of CITEL PCC II Working Group 1 (WRC-07). April 26–29, 2005
WAC/056   Report from the 4th Meeting of CEPT WRC-07 Conference Preparatory Group (CPG), May 31–June 3, 2005
WAC/057   Letter from NTIA, March 29, 2005, forwarding a Draft Proposal for WRC-07 Agenda Item 7.2
WAC/058   Letter from NTIA, April 15, 2005, forwarding a Draft Proposal for WRC-07 Agenda Item 1.14
WAC/059   Letter from NTIA, April 20, 2005, forwarding Draft Proposals for WRC-07 Agenda Items 1.5, 1.6 and 1.12

MINUTES

Appendix 1
WRC-07 Advisory Committee Attendance
Sixth Meeting – June 22, 2005

Last Name	First Name	Occupation Or Affiliation
Baruch	Steve	Leventhal Senter & Lerman PLLC
Baum	Kim	SES Americom, Inc.
Byrd	James	Booz Allen Hamilton
Cohen	Cecily	Nokia Inc.
Conner	Jerry	ITT Industries
Cramer	Joe	Lockheed Martin
De La Torre	Mindel	Telecommunications Management Group (TMG)
Florian	Mario	Consultant BCI
Goodman	Steve	Orbcomm
Hadinger	Peter	Northrop Grumman Space Technology
Hutchings	Suzanne	ICO
Ireland	Walt	American Radio Relay League (ARRL)
Kirby	Paul	Telecom Reports
Manner	Jennifer	MSV
Martin	Kathryn	Access Partnership Ltd.
Pierce	Dave	Alion Science/DoD
Snider	Jim H.	New America Foundation
Spalt	Doug	Department of State
Taylor	Shayla	TT&C
Urbany	Frank	Bell South
Victory	Nancy	Wiley Rein & Fielding LLP
Vorhies	Jim	NTIA
Weinreich	David	ConneXion by Boeing
Williams	Frank	Department of State
Wilson	Joanne	ArrayComm
Wye	David	Cingular Wireless

MINUTES
Appendix 2
WRC-07 Advisory Committee – FCC Representatives
Sixth Meeting – June 22, 2005

Last Name	First Name
Abelson	Don
Giusti	John
Ibarra	Dante
Mullinix	Michael
Patterson	Rockie
Reed	Larry
Roytblat	Alex
Weiland	Donald