

**WRC-03 ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**INFORMAL WORKING GROUP 7 (IWG-7)**  
**Regulatory Issues And Future Agendas**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting:** Second Meeting of IWG-7  
**Date/Time:** April 12, 2001, 1:30-3:30 p.m.  
**Location:** The Boeing Company, 1200 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia  
**Committee Members Present:** A. Allison (Boeing), K. Baum (Astrolink), V. Harris (NTIA), L. Reed (FCC), J. Carroll (DoD), F. Williams (State), C. Rivera (NOAA), D. Wye (AT&T Wireless), G. Rappoport (Loral), P. Rinaldo (ARRL), R. Wright (ASRC).  
**FCC Employees Present:** L. Reed, FCC coordinator  
**Minutes Preparer:** A. Allison (audrey.allison@boeing.com)

**Introduction/Administrative Matters:** The meeting was open to the public. Following the introduction of the participants and distribution of documents (noted below), the agenda (Document IWG-7/014) was approved as corrected.

The draft minutes of the first meeting (Document IWG-7/013) were approved subject to editorial corrections to bring them in line with the WAC Instructions.

The Terms of Reference of IWG-7 (Document IWG-7/002(04.12.01)) were discussed. The document was drafted based on the format used for other Informal Working Groups together with a listing of the WRC-03 agenda items assigned to IWG-7 by the WAC. Participants expressed some frustration over the fact that some of the agenda items would be impossible for IWG-7 to work on due to timing, such as reports and actions that will not occur until the Radiocommunication Assembly one week prior to the WRC. Appropriate language was added to note this point. A second point of discussion was the ability of IWG-7 to work on regulatory aspects of other agenda items not directly assigned to the group. There is a long tradition in the FCC WRC Advisory Committee supporting this approach and the participants thought that it would be useful if IWG-7 were to also have this ability. The terms of reference were broadened to include this notion, subject to concurrence of WAC management. The document was then approved as edited.

**Review of Draft Preliminary Views:** The Group next considered several Draft Preliminary Views (PVs) on agenda items assigned to IWG-7. The drafts were prepared by FCC Coordinator Larry Reed based on work being done in parallel by the RCS. The Chair thanked Mr. Reed for his efforts and also reminded participants that IWG-7, as the

FCC's WRC preparatory group on these matters, should also be considering industry views on PVs, and not limit its activity to review of NTIA/federal government efforts. However, in these regulatory matters, the interests are often very similar between the two communities.

▪ Document IWG-7/005: Agenda Item 1.1 Country Footnotes

This document is identical to the draft prepared by RCS. IWG-7 participants thought that the document would be more useful if additional details were provided regarding the approach adopted by WRC-2000 on the agenda item, including references to the pertinent WRC-2000 document. The PV was tabled so that additional research could be undertaken.

▪ Document IWG-7/006: Agenda Item 1.30[a] Clarification of BIU Date

This document is adapted from the RCS version. One participant expressed concerns over the proposed view that only a single space station in a non-GSO network needs to become operational to count as "regular operation." The meeting agreed to move forward with the PV, as revised, subject to consultations following the meeting.

▪ Document IWG-7/007: Agenda Item 1.30[b] Coordination Arc Approach

This document was also adapted from the RCS version. The document was approved with the addition of some background information and clarifying language.

▪ Document IWG-7/008: Agenda Item 1.30[c] Reduction of Data Requirements

This draft PV was discussed in light of ongoing activities in Working Party 4A looking at the reduction of data requirements. Although the USG experts have found some downsides to this approach, industry is interested in further study. The group decided that the PV would provide a more balanced view with some changes to the final sentence. On that basis, the PV was approved, as modified.

▪ Document IWG-7/009: Agenda Item 2 Incorporation by Reference

This PV is identical to the version tabled in RCS, but it is in the process of substantive revision to reflect changes to Resolutions 27 and 28 at Istanbul. Since there was desire to have a PV on this topic in time for the upcoming CITEL meeting, the meeting agreed to approve a revised PV to support application of Resolution 28 (Rev.WRC-2000). The revised language will be circulated following the meeting.

▪ Document IWG-7/010: Review of Resolutions & Recommendations

This PV is identical to the version under consideration by RCS. However, the draft is incomplete, as it contains no U.S. View. The document was tabled.

**Review of Other Agenda Items Assigned:** The meeting reviewed Document IWG-7/003(04.12.01)), which contained editorial corrections from the version considered at the first meeting. The meeting was asked whether it had additional PVs for the agenda items not yet covered, specifically the item relating to future conference agendas. The document was noted.

**Review of Draft U.S. Proposal:** The meeting next considered Document IWG-7/011: Review of U.S. Footnotes to the International Table of Frequency Allocations and Draft U.S. Proposal under Agenda Item 1.1. This document was drafted by Mr. Reed. The first part of the document contains an analysis of all country footnotes to which the United States is a party. The frequency range in S5.344 should be corrected to end at 1525 MHz. The conclusion of the analysis is that one country footnote, No. S5.389D, is obsolete and could be suppressed. However, since the footnote also includes the name of Canada, the group agreed that the draft proposal should be a modification to delete the name of the United States. The US could take up the possible suppression of the footnote with Canada at the CITEL meeting. The draft proposal was approved as revised for submission to the full WAC.

**Draft Note from IWG-7 to IWG-3:** The meeting approved a Liaison Statement to IWG-3 prepared by Larry Reed (Document IWG-7/012) with slight adjustments concerning the deletion of obsolete regulatory language from No. S5.491.

**Future Meetings, Other Business, Adjournment:** The third meeting of IWG-7 will be convened on May 10<sup>th</sup> at Boeing, 1200 Wilson Blvd, Rosslyn, Virginia from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. (following the CITEL PCC.III preparatory meeting). No other business was raised. The meeting was adjourned.

**Documents Distributed:**

IWG-7/002 (04.12.01)	Terms of Reference	Approved
IWG-7/003 (04.12.01)	WRC-03 Agenda Items Assigned to IWG-7	Noted
IWG-7/005	Draft Preliminary View: Agenda Item 1.1 (Country Footnotes)	Tabled
IWG-7/006	Draft Preliminary View: Agenda Item 1.30[A] (Clarification of BIU Date)	Approved - T/A
IWG-7/007	Draft Preliminary View: Agenda Item 1.30[B] (Coordination Arc Approach)	Approved
IWG-7/008	Draft Preliminary View: Agenda Item 1.30[C] (Reduction of Data Requirements)	Approved
IWG-7/009	Draft Preliminary View: Agenda Item 2: (Incorporation by Reference)	Approved - T/A
IWG-7/010	Draft Preliminary View: Agenda Item 4: (Res. 95 – Review of Resolutions & Recommendations)	Tabled
IWG-7/011	Draft US Proposal: Agenda Item 1.1	Approved
IWG-7/012	Note from IWG-7 to IWG-3	Approved
IWG-7/013	Draft Minutes of First Meeting	Approved
IWG-7/014	Draft Agenda for Second Meeting	Approved