

**PROPOSED EDITS TO NTIA DRAFT PROPOSAL ON WRC-15 AI 7
(REF. WAC/032(07.03.13))**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DRAFT PROPOSALS FOR THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE

Agenda Item 7: *to consider possible changes, and other options, in response to Resolution 86 (rev. Marrakesh, 2002) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, an advance publication, coordination, notification and recording procedures for frequency assignments pertaining to satellite networks, in accordance with Resolution 86 (Rev. WRC-07) to facilitate rational efficient, and economical use of radio frequencies and any associated orbits, including the geostationary – satellite orbit*

Background Information: WRC-12 modified No. **11.49** to expand the time an administration is allowed to suspend the assignment to a space station from a two-year time period to three years. In addition, the administration does not need to notify the Bureau of the suspension during the first six months of the date the assignment was suspended as long as the assignment is brought back into use before the end of the six-month period. However, if the suspension lasts longer than six months, the administration must notify the Bureau of the suspension and then follow the procedures for bringing the assignment back into use within the three-year suspension period. Because of time constraints at WRC-12, the conference did not include regulatory procedures for the mechanics of when an administration notifies the Bureau of a suspension extending beyond the initial six-month period. Because of this omission, the Bureau proposed a Rule of Procedure (RoP) that would have cancelled the assignment if the Bureau did not receive a notification of the suspension before or at the end of the six-month period. On the other hand, the Bureau cancelling a frequency assignment due to late notification beyond six months may be inconsistent with the WRC-12 decision for administrations to have a maximum of three years from the suspension date to resume use of their frequency assignments. As a result, the Radio Regulations Board did not include cancellation of an assignment for a late suspended use notification in the adopted Rules of Procedure.

This proposal supports administrations notifying the Bureau of a suspension lasting more than six months by providing an incentive to administrations to notify the Bureau as soon as possible prior to the end of the six-month period to avoid any possible reduction in the three-year maximum suspension period. Under this proposal, if an administration notifies the Bureau of a suspension beyond six-months from the start of the suspension, then the maximum suspension period will be reduced by an amount equal to twice the delay beyond six months in providing such notification. As an example, notifying the Bureau of a suspension at the seven-month point (i.e., one month beyond the six month period) will reduce the maximum suspension period by two months (i.e., to two years and ten months).

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Proposal:

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11.49 Wherever the use of a recorded frequency assignment to a space station is suspended for a period exceeding six months, the notifying administration shall inform the Bureau of the date on which such use was suspended. When the recorded assignment is brought back into use, the notifying administration shall, subject to the provisions of No. **11.49.1** when applicable, so inform the Bureau, as soon as possible. The date on which the recorded assignment is brought back into use²² shall be not later than three years from the date on which the use of the assignment was suspended provided that notification of the suspension was provided within six months from the date on which the use was suspended. If the notifying administration informs the Bureau of the suspension more than six months after the date on which the use of the assignment was suspended, this three-year time period shall be reduced. In this case, the amount by which the three-year period shall be reduced shall be equal to twice the amount of time that has lapsed between the end of the six month period and the time of notification of suspension. (WRC-15)

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Reasons: To add regulatory procedures when an administration notifies the Bureau of a suspension beyond the initial six-month period.
