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## NOTICE CONCERNING *EX PARTE* STATUS OF INFORMATION SUBMITTED TO THE COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY, RELIABILITY, AND INTEROPERABILITY COUNCIL

On June 24, 2015, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) recently held the first meeting of the fifth iteration of the Communications Security, Reliability, and Interoperability Council (CSRIC).<sup>1</sup> The CSRIC is a federal advisory committee that will provide recommendations to the Commission regarding actions the Commission may take to help ensure the security, reliability, and resiliency of the Nation's communications systems.

Under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Commission is responsible for oversight of the CSRIC, including its informal working groups.<sup>2</sup> As a result, FCC staff may participate in meetings or other activities held by both the CSRIC and its informal working groups. In light of this, the Commission announces that, pursuant to section 1.1200(a) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1200(a), presentations to the CSRIC, including its working groups, will be treated as exempt presentations for *ex parte* purposes. This treatment is appropriate since presentations to the Council, like comments on a Notice of Inquiry, will not directly result in the promulgation of new rules.<sup>3</sup>

We recognize, however, that issues that may be addressed by the Council may be the subject of a number of pending FCC proceedings.<sup>4</sup> The Commission will not rely in these proceedings on any information submitted to the Council, or to any of its subcommittees or working groups, unless that information is first placed in the record of the relevant proceeding.

Additional information regarding the CSRIC can be found at <https://www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/communications-security-reliability-and-interoperability-council-v>. For more information, contact Jeffery Goldthorp, Designated Federal Official for CSRIC at (202) 418-1096 or [jeffery.goldthorp@fcc.gov](mailto:jeffery.goldthorp@fcc.gov), or Lauren Kravetz, Deputy Designated Federal Official for CSRIC at (202) 418-7944 or [lauren.kravetz@fcc.gov](mailto:lauren.kravetz@fcc.gov).

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<sup>1</sup> FCC Announces the Recharter, Chair, Membership and First Meeting of Communications Security, Reliability, and Interoperability Council, *Public Notice*, DA 15-699, rel. June 15, 2015.

<sup>2</sup> See 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

<sup>3</sup> See 47 C.F.R. § 1.1204(b)(1)(exempt treatment of presentations regarding a Notice of Inquiry).

<sup>4</sup> See e.g., In the Matter of E911 Location Accuracy Requirements, PS Docket No. 07-114; In the Matter of Facilitating the Development of Text-to-911 and Other Next Generation 911 Applications; Framework for Next Generation 911 Deployment, PS Docket Nos. 11-153 and 10-255.