Draft Final Agenda

Pala Casino Spa and Resort
Pala, CA
August 10-11, 2017

Meeting Purpose: Since April 2017, the FCC has been taking comments on a Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) that asks questions about the Tribal role in Section 106 reviews of telecommunications projects and other aspects of historic and environmental review requirements. The FCC has conducted consultation meetings in South Dakota, Connecticut, Oregon, and Oklahoma, and seeks to continue the dialogue with Tribal representatives.

This is a closed meeting, restricted to Tribal representatives and the FCC.

Thursday, August 10th

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Invocation, Welcome, Overview of Agenda

9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Overview of Tribal Issues in NPRM
Description: The FCC will provide a brief overview of some of the key questions asked in the NPRM regarding Tribal participation in Section 106 reviews.

Presenter: Jeffrey Steinberg

9:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Dialogue. The FCC encourages Tribal Nations to provide their perspective on:
- Questions asked in the NPRM
- Issues and Problems that the NPRM Fails to Identify
- Potential Solutions

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Tribal Caucus
12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.  
*Lunch Break – lunch on own*

1:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Tribal perspectives on protecting properties of religious and cultural significance when deploying wireless infrastructure  
*Description:* This will be a facilitated, open conversation on how to balance the Commission’s commitment to infrastructure deployment and broadband expansion with the FCC’s obligation to consider effects on Tribal resources. From the Tribal perspective, what is working well in the process now, and where is it falling short? Are there specific examples of how the TCNS process has protected Tribal resources? Are there specific aspects of the process that are not necessary to protect Tribal resources? What changes might both address NPRM issues and enhance cultural resource protection?

3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.  
*Break*

3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.  
Infrastructure implications of changing technology  
*Description:* A brief review of how DAS and Small Cell systems differ from macro-cell towers.

*Presenter:* Daniel Margolis

3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Addressing the challenges  
*Description:* A review of the NPRM issues in light of the day’s discussions. Can we identify common points of understanding and agreement leading to potential solutions?

**Friday, August 11th**

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.  
FCC Rule making process  
*Description:* What does the NPRM mean, where might it lead, and where are we currently in the process? What are the opportunities for Tribal engagement moving forward?

*Presenter:* Jeffrey Steinberg

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  
Tribal Caucus

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  
Closing Dialogue Session with the FCC Infrastructure Team  
*Description:* An opportunity for THPOs to share their perspectives on the state of Section 106 reviews, and dialogue with FCC managers and expert staff about the issues.

11:00 a.m.  
*Adjourn*

**Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Infrastructure Team:** This team is comprised of senior staff and managers from Bureaus and Offices throughout the FCC, including the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau and the Office of Native Affairs and Policy of the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau. Among other things, the Infrastructure Team works with Tribal Historic Preservation Officers and cultural preservation officials of Federally-recognized Tribal Nations and Native Hawaiian Organizations (NHOs) on the review of proposed telecommunications facilities under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).