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Agenda item 7(G)

7(G) Issue G – Clarification of bringing into use information provided under RR Nos.
11.44/11.44B

Background

In adopting No. **11.44B**, WRC-12 introduced a new provision to define the bringing into use (BiU) of frequency assignments to geostationary-orbit space stations in terms of the capability of a space station to transmit and receive at a nominal orbital position for a continuous period of 90 days. No. **13.6** of the Radio Regulations provides a mechanism for the Bureau to make inquiries of administrations whenever it appears from reliable information that a recorded assignment has not been brought into use, but there is not presently a mechanism for the Bureau to use whenever it appears from reliable information that an assignment that has been notified, but not yet recorded, has not been brought into use. In other words, there is no provision in Article **11** of the Radio Regulations that allows the Bureau to seek clarification regarding the information provided by the notifying administrations relating to the bringing into use of frequency assignments to a satellite network.

The Bureau and the Radio Regulations Board have considered this matter, and there is now a new paragraph under the Rule of Procedure for No. **11.44** that specifies that whenever it appears from reliable information available that an assignment has not been brought into use in accordance with Nos. **11.44/11.44B** of the Radio Regulations, the provisions of No. **13.6** of the Radio Regulations shall apply.

This is an important clarification that should be reflected in the Radio Regulations themselves, and not only in a Rule of Procedure. The proposal below is for a new regulatory provision that enables the Bureau to seek clarification from the notifying administrations under RR Nos. **11.44** and **11.44B**. In the case of space stations in the geostationary satellite orbit, it would ensure that information provided under RR No. **11.44B** corresponds to the deployed space station, with the capability of transmitting and receiving the assigned frequencies.

Proposal:

ARTICLE 11

Notification and recording of frequency assignments^{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 7bis} (WRC-12)

Section II – Examination of notices and recording of frequency assignments in the Master Register

MOD USA/7G/1

11.44 The notified date^{20, 21, [ADD 2/bis](#)} of bringing into use of any frequency assignment to a space station of a satellite network shall be not later than seven years following the date of receipt by the Bureau of the relevant complete information under No. **9.1** or **9.2**, as appropriate.

Any frequency assignment not brought into use within the required period shall be cancelled by the Bureau after having informed the administration at least three months before the expiry of this period. (WRC-~~12~~15)

Reasons: To add a new footnote to enable No. **13.6** processes to be applied to frequency assignments that are notified, but have not yet been recorded, where the Bureau has information the assignments are not yet brought into use.

MOD USA/7G/2

11.44B A frequency assignment to a space station in the geostationary-satellite orbit shall be considered as having been brought into use when a space station in the geostationary-satellite orbit with the capability of transmitting or receiving that frequency assignment has been deployed and maintained at the notified orbital position for a continuous period of ninety days. The notifying administration shall so inform the Bureau within thirty days from the end of the ninety-day period. ADD 21bis (WRC-~~12~~15)

Reasons: To add a new footnote to enable No. 13.6 processes to be applied to frequency assignments that are notified, but have not yet been recorded, where the Bureau has information the assignments are not yet brought into use.

ADD USA/7G/3

^{21bis} **11.44.3** and **11.44B.1** Upon receipt of this information and whenever it appears from reliable information available that a notified assignment has not been brought into use in accordance with Nos. **11.44** and/or **11.44B**, as the case may be, the consultation procedures and the subsequent applicable course of action prescribed in No. **13.6** shall apply, as appropriate. (WRC-15)

Reasons: To add a new footnote to enable No. **13.6** processes to be applied to frequency assignments that are notified, but have not yet been recorded, where the Bureau has information the assignments are not yet brought into use.