

POLICY ISSUE NOTATION VOTE

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FOR: The Commissioners

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SUBJECT: REVISIONS TO INTERNAL COMMISSION PROCEDURES SECTION ON
MANDATORY HEARINGS

PURPOSE:

To provide the Commission with revised internal commission procedures governing the conduct of uncontested mandatory hearings.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:

In SRM-SECY-10-0082 (December 23, 2010), the Commission directed OGC (in consultation with OCAA, as appropriate) to draft any revisions to the Internal Commission Procedures section entitled "Conduct of Mandatory Hearings on Applications for Combined Licenses" that would be necessary in light of the Commission's determinations, specified in the SRM, regarding mandatory hearings. These revised procedures were to include, among other things, hearing milestones and a Notice of Hearing template. Accordingly, I am submitting the enclosed revisions for incorporation into Chapter IV of the Internal Commission Procedures.

The enclosed revisions follow the guidance in the Commission's SRM, including the adoption of the "Option 1" language from SECY-10-0082 for the Notice of Hearing template to describe interested State, local government, and federally-recognized Indian Tribe participation. We have made modest adjustments to the Option 1 template to make clear, consistent with the intended scope of uncontested hearings, that issues within the scope of admitted contentions are not to be addressed in the uncontested proceeding. These proposed revisions would not

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This paper has been coordinated with OCAA.

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Enclosure: Revised Uncontested Hearing Procedures

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