

# **CHARTER of the FCC'S COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY, RELIABILITY, AND INTEROPERABILITY COUNCIL**

## **1. The Council's Official Designation**

The official designation of the advisory committee will be the "FCC's Communications Security, Reliability, and Interoperability Council" (hereinafter, Council or CSRIC).

## **2. Authority**

The Council was established at the direction of the Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2

## **3. The Council's Objectives and Scope of Its Activity**

The purpose of the Council is to provide recommendations to the FCC regarding ways it can strive for security, reliability, and interoperability of communications systems. CSRIC's recommendations will focus on a range of public safety and homeland security-related communications matters, including: (1) the reliability and security of communications systems and infrastructure; (2) 911, Enhanced 911 (E911), and Next Generation 911 (NG911); and (3) emergency alerting.

The Council's recommendations will address the prevention of detrimental cyber events, the availability of communications capacity and alerting during natural disasters, terrorist attacks, cyber security attacks or other events that result in exceptional strain on the communications infrastructure, the rapid restoration of communications services in the event of widespread or major disruptions and the steps communications providers can take to help secure end-users and servers.

## **4. Description of Duties for Which the Council is Responsible**

The duties of the Council will be to formulate recommendations to promote communications security, reliability, and resiliency within the parameters set forth in Section 3 above, develop those recommendations, and submit them to the FCC.

The Council's duties may include the following:

- a. Develop and recommend best practices and actions the FCC can take that promote reliable 911, E911, and NG911 service.
- b. Determine and make recommendations on whether and how NG911 can be extended to other N11 services to ensure their reliability and cost effective deployment.
- c. Identify and recommend to the FCC a set of best practices to make communications networks, including broadband networks and VoIP systems, more secure, resilient, and defensible from Internet-based attacks.
- d. Develop recommendations for actions the FCC should take to promote the development of a broadband-based, next generation alerting system that leverages advanced technologies and the Internet, including social media platforms, to distribute emergency alerts and warnings to the public.

- e. Identify and recommend to the FCC actions to improve the functioning of the national security/emergency preparedness priority services programs: Government Emergency Telecommunications Service; Telecommunications Service Priority; and Wireless Priority Service.
- f. Make recommendations with respect to such additional topics as the FCC may specify.

**5. Official to Whom the Council Reports**

The Council shall report to the Chairman of the FCC. The Chairman of the FCC shall appoint the Chair of the Council.

**6. Agency Responsible for Providing Necessary Support**

The FCC will provide the necessary support for the Council, including the meeting facilities for the Council.

**7. Estimated Total Operating Costs in Dollars and Staff Years**

An estimated two FCC staff years will be expended in support of the Council. The Council's estimated total operating cost to the FCC is approximately \$150,000 per year.

**8. Designated Federal Officer**

A full-time or part-time employee, appointed by the FCC Chairman, will serve as the Designated Federal Officer (DFO). The DFO will approve or call all of the advisory committee's and subcommittees' meetings, prepare and approve all meeting agendas, attend all committee and subcommittee meetings, adjourn any meeting when the DFO determines adjournment to be in the public interest, and chair meetings when directed to do so by the FCC Chairman.

**9. Estimated Number and Frequency of Council Meetings**

The Council will meet approximately twice a year according to its charter.

**10. Duration**

The Council will have two (2) years from the date its Charter is filed to carry out the purposes for which it was created.

**11. Council's Termination Date**

The Council will terminate two (2) years from the date the Council's charter is filed, unless renewed before that date for an additional term.

**12. Membership and Designation**

Members of the Council shall be appointed by the Chairman of the FCC. Members will be selected from among consumer or community organizations or other non-profit entities, and the private sector to balance the expertise and viewpoints that are necessary to effectively address the issues to be considered. Members will be appointed either as Representatives or as Special Government Employees (SGEs), as necessary.

### **13. Subcommittees**

The FCC has the authority to create informal subcommittees that may meet more frequently than the Council. Activities and recommendations of the informal subcommittees must be reported to the Council as a whole, and only as modified or ratified by the Council as a whole may such recommendations be reported to the Chairman of the FCC.

### **14. Recordkeeping**

Records of the proceedings will be kept, as required by applicable laws and regulations. All records of the committee, formally and informally established subcommittees, or other subgroups of the committee, shall be handled in accordance with General Records Schedule 26, Item 2 or other approved agency records disposition schedule. These records shall be available for public inspection and copying, subject to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552.

### **15. Charter Filing Date**

March 18, 2011