

Tentative Agenda for November 30th Open Meeting Announced

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The FCC has announced the tentative agenda for the FCC's open meeting on November 30, 2010. The following items are on the agenda:

TV Spectrum Innovation NPRM: A Notice of Proposed Rulemaking seeking comment on rules to facilitate the most efficient use of the UHF and VHF TV bands. These proposals would remove a host of obstacles to mobile broadband use within spectrum currently reserved for use by TV broadcasters, including through innovations such as channel sharing and generating increased value within the VHF band.

Experimental Licensing NPRM: A Notice of Proposed Rulemaking seeking comment on proposed rules to facilitate greater experimentation in the wireless space. The NPRM suggests making the FCC's experimental licensing rules more flexible, including by easing testing restrictions on universities, research organizations, and other institutions that are developing new wireless services and devices.

Opportunistic Use NOI: A Notice of Inquiry seeking comment on ways to accelerate "opportunistic use" of underdeveloped spectrum in both licensed and unlicensed bands, including how technological innovations can effectively foster secondary markets.