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FCC Proposes New Wi-Fi Technology Rules

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The Federal Communications Commission announced on February 20, 2013, that it intends to propose new rules to govern the next generation of Wi-Fi technology. This is an important development for convention centers, large hotel/conference facilities, airports and any other facility that struggles with Wi-Fi congestion because of the insatiable appetite of high-volume wireless users. The FCC's proposal will include making spectrum available in the 5 GHz band for ultra-high-speed, high-capacity Wi-Fi known as "Gigabit Wi-Fi".

This is a priority item for the FCC Chairman, with action expected within the year. In addition, equipment incorporating this new technology will soon be available in the marketplace, even though the new Wi-Fi technical standard has not yet been finalized. Accordingly, it is not too early to start considering upgrading your Wi-Fi systems.

Stay tuned for more updates as the FCC moves forward with its rulemaking.

If you have any questions, please contact [me](#) anytime.

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