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STATUS INQUIRIES UNDER THE COMMISSION'S EX PARTE RULES

This public notice reminds the public that the exemption to the Commission's ex parte rules for status inquiries is limited to "an inquiry or request for information relating to the status of a proceeding." The exemption for status inquiries includes important explicit limitations:

A status inquiry which states or implies a preference for a particular party or position in a proceeding, or which states why timing is important to a particular party, or which in any other manner is intended as a means, direct or indirect, to address the merits or outcome, or influence the timing, of a proceeding is a presentation.

NOTE: Any congressional or other communication expressing concern with administrative delay in a particular proceeding or expressing concern that a particular proceeding be resolved expeditiously, will be treated as a status inquiry and therefore excluded from the definition of presentation, Provided That no view is expressed as to the merits or outcome of the proceeding; no view is expressed as to a date by which the proceeding should be resolved; and no specific reasons are given as to why the proceeding should be resolved expeditiously, other than the need to resolve administrative delay.

47 C.F.R. §1.1202(a) & Note.

By the General Counsel.

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