



Recommendation WG3.17.002

Expedited Prior Coordination Notifications

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RECOMMENDATION

Definition of Expedited Prior Coordination Notification:

Any prior coordination notification (PCN) requesting a response sooner than the normal 30 calendar day allowance is termed an expedited prior coordination notification. The expedited PCN process should be reserved for situations where there is a specific need for response sooner than 30 days; otherwise, the normal PCN process should be used.

Accommodating expedited requests by responding sooner than the 30 days listed in the FCC rules is usually possible. Expedited response is provided as a courtesy; misuse of expedited PCNs may result in reduced cooperation or even refusal to respond sooner than 30 days.

Recommendation:

1. Requests for expedited response must be clearly indicated on the cover page of the prior coordination notification.
2. A coordinator is expected to conduct a competent interference analysis of a proposal before sending the data in a prior coordination notice.
3. A specific response date must be requested.
4. Providing a reason for expedited requests is encouraged.
5. Expedited prior coordination notices should be delivered to all recipients by electronic means if possible. For extremely short response periods, contact by telephone is recommended.
6. The typical expedited coordination request is for a two-week (14 calendar days) response. Senders requesting a shorter response period should obtain confirmation of clearance from affected recipients or be willing to assume the risk of potential objections to the FCC filing.
7. Recipients who are unable to meet an expedited two-week request date must notify the sender, within the requested response period, that additional time is required. The additional time required may not exceed 30 calendar days from the date of receipt of the coordination notification.
8. If the sender has received no objections or requests for additional time by 14 calendar days from the date of receipt, the sender may assume clearance and release the coordination for FCC filing.
9. PCN recipients may interpret constant or repetitive requests for expedited treatment without expeditious filing of corresponding FCC license applications as a lack of legitimate need.

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