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FCC Assessment of Regulatory Fees 2014

AFC Fall Meeting 2014

FCC NPRM on 2014 Regulatory Fee Increase

- FCC released NPRM to improve the FCC's regulatory fee process and ensure a more equitable distribution of the regulatory fee burden
- The NPRM failed to justify or explain the basis for the increase.
- NPRM proposed a 133% increase in regulatory fees for Aeronautical Ground stations

FCC Regulatory Fee Increase

- Regulatory Fees for Aeronautical Ground stations would increase from \$15/year to \$35/year
- In the absence of any significant change in the FCC's regulatory activities relating to aviation licenses the 133% increase seemed contradictory considering the FCC overall 7.5 % cap on regulatory fee rate for FY 2014

ASRI Comments on Fee Increase

- Noting that the FCC in the NPRM stated that “it is unlikely regulatees will experience substantial increases in their regulatory fees” It didn’t hold for aviation ground stations.
- Basically we demonstrated that their math was suspect and their rationale was also lacking in explaining the 133% increase

FCC Report and Order on Regulatory Fee Increase

- The FCC released its R&O 8/29/2014
- The FCC reduced the \$35/year increase to \$30/year
- Their explanation and justification was still lacking and the only reference to the ASRI comments was that “ASRI supported eliminating the regulatory fee for ground stations” which overstated our position.

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