



FCC Regulatory Fee Increase FY2015

AFC Spring 2015

Background



- FCC is proposing an increase to the aviation ground license regulatory fee
 - 17% increase from last year (\$300-\$350)
 - On top of a 100% increase from previous year (\$150-\$300)
 - Initiated in NPRM (Docket 15-59) on 21 May 2015
- Very limited justification
 - Generic statements about budgetary balancing and effort required



The FCC Regulatory Fee



- Paid at start of a 10 year aviation ground license and covers:
 - Enforcement activities
 - Policy and rulemaking activities
 - User information services
 - International activities
- Paid in addition to FCC application fee (\$130)
 - ASRI does not receive any part of these fees

The numbers



- FCC projecting a \$161,000 budget for FY2015
 - Assuming only 460 licenses in the year
- ASRI status at Q3 FY2015
 - 586 filed so far (\$176,000 paid already by ASRI)
 - 304 expected to renew (\$91,200)
 - 890 total over the year (\$267,200)
- Does not include UNICOM stations
 - 778 licenses by the end of FY2105 (\$233,400)
- FCC projected to receive \$500,400 in FY2015
 - FY2016, 2017, and 2018 totals are higher
 - Start of 10 year renewal cycle

Actions

- ASRI has drafted up a filing opposing the increase
 - FCC filings need support to be taken seriously
- ASRI requesting AFC members add company signature block to filing
 - Filing deadline 22 June 2015



Questions?